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A GOD FOR A BRIDE? SUCH A DRAMA QUEEN.
TRULY
INARI!
I CAN FINALLY MARRY TOKA!
MISTRESS UKA, TOKA, CONGRATS! I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU.
I LOVE YOU, DAD!
INARI, I THINK THINGS ARE GONNA GO WELL WITH MY NEW DAD
KOJI SHIRO...! THAT'S GREAT.
WHO...
...IS THAT?
ME...?
RIGHT!
YOU'VE GOTTA FIND HAPPI-NESS, TOO, INARI
...HUH?
I...
I'M...
I...
...AM...
WAIT! I'M HERE...

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GOT IT.
I SEE.

.....
NOW THAT SHIRO'S ASLEEP YOU SHOULD ALSO GET SOME REST, MOM.
I'LL BE HOME IN JUST A BIT... ALL RIGHT, SEE YOU.

DIVINE POWER...?
I CAN'T REALLY WRAP MY BRAIN AROUND IT...
IT'S TRUE!

BEEP
SO...

...BASICALLY, TO SUM IT UP, INARI IS TRYING TO BECOME A GOD TO TAKE THE PLACE OF ANOTHER GOD...
Y-YEAH.
IS THAT IT?

INARI HAD TO WORRY ALL ALONE BECAUSE OF HER POWER--
THAT'S RIGHT!
POOF

I WAS NERVOUS IN THE BEGINNING BECAUSE SHE WAS USING HER POWER FOR PERSONAL REASONS...
...BUT SHE'S GROWN UP SO WONDERFULLY AS A HUMAN!
BAWWW
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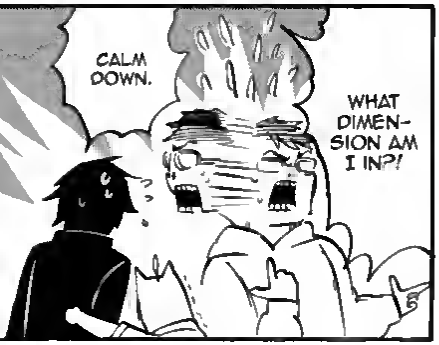
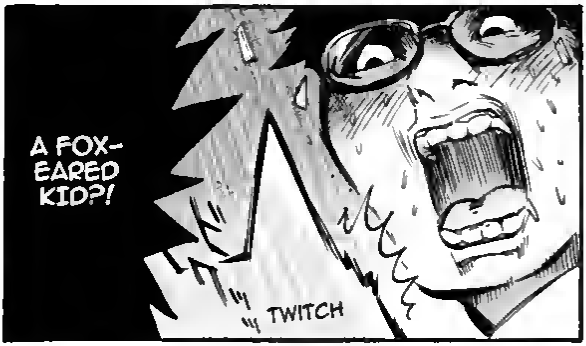

CALM DOWN.
WHAT DIMENSION AM I IN?!


A FOX-EARED KID?!
TWITCH

THAT REALLY DEPENDS ON MISTRESS UKA'S FEELINGS.
PERSONALLY, I THINK THAT MISS INARI SHOULDN'T BECOME A GODDESS.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS, .WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO REMOVE THE POWER INSIDE INARI.

AND I ALSO THINK MISTRESS UKA SHOULDN'T BECOME A HUMAN!
!
M-MISTRESS UKA...
I-I CAN REALLY SEE HER. IT'S A GODDESS..!
I THOUGHT SO...
THE DIVINE POWER IS BEING PULLED BETWEEN YOU AND INARI...
SO IF WE HUMANS CAN SEE THE GODDESS...

...
WHERE IS INARI?
HUH?!
...THEN INARI IS NOW BECOMING...
IN HER ROOM! BUT, SHE'S...
THANK YOU.
UKA...
SKFF

TOKA...
...YOU KNEW, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU KNEW, AND YOU DID THIS TO YOUR OWN FAMILY...
SHUT UP!
YOU KNEW THAT THE WAY TO MAKE HER HUMAN WAS FOR INARI TO BECOME A GODDESS.
.....

THWAK
YOU WOULD, TOO.
IF IT WERE INARI AND YOUR BROTHER...
...WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?!
BAM

I DEFINITELY WOULDN'T SACRIFICE MY OWN FAMILY!
WELL, YOU'RE NOT ME!
NO KIDDING!
I'M NOT YOU.
I'M ME...
...AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME ANGRY!

ALL ALONE, SHE'S BEEN DOING NOTHING BUT GRANT OTHER PEOPLE'S WISHES.
IT WOULD BE... HER FIRST TASTE OF THEIR JOY...
...I...
...DIDN'T MEAN TO SACRIFICE INARI...
I JUST...
...WANTED TO GRANT THE WISH OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WOMAN IN THE WORLD TO ME.

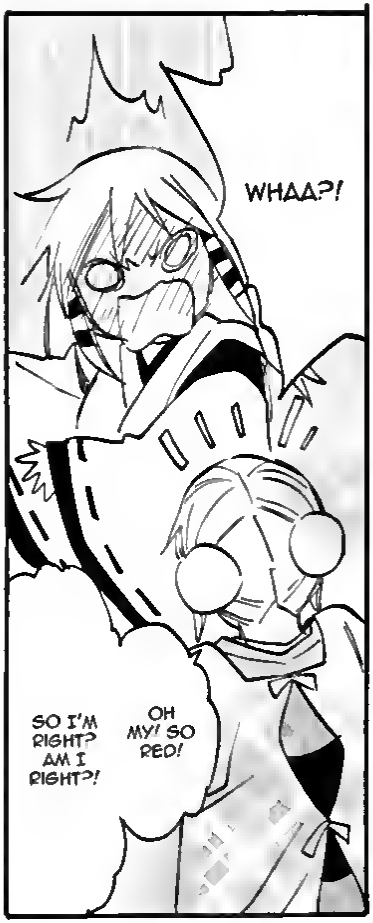
WHERE DO YOU WANT THIS TO GO?
TOKA.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

...
I...

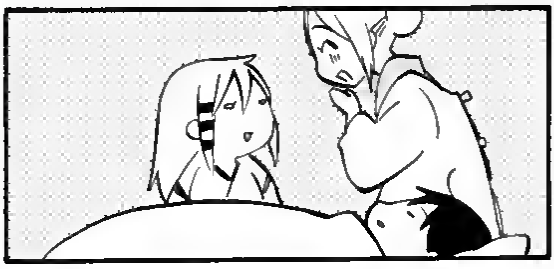
WOULD YOU MAKE ME YOUR BRIDE?
...FOREVER.
...WITH HER...
...WANT TO BE LIKE YOU AND MOM...

ER, UM, MISS GODDESS...
HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN?
HUH?
I LOVE HUMANS... I LOVE INARI.
AS I BECAME CLOSER WITH INARI AND OTHER HUMANS...
...I STARTED TO THINK I WANTED TO BE ONE
BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE...
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL...
I...
...I LOVE WATCHING OVER THE HUMANS.

WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR EYES...
...THIS TIME...IT S REALLY GOOD-BYE
INARI.
I'LL TAKE BACK THE DIVINE POWER
I'M SORRY I CAUSED YOU SUCH PAIN.
...?
UM, MISS GODDESS?


WHAA?!
SO I'M RIGHT? AM I RIGHT?!
OH MY! SO RED!

YOU'RE TOKA'S GIRLFRIEND, AREN'T YOU?

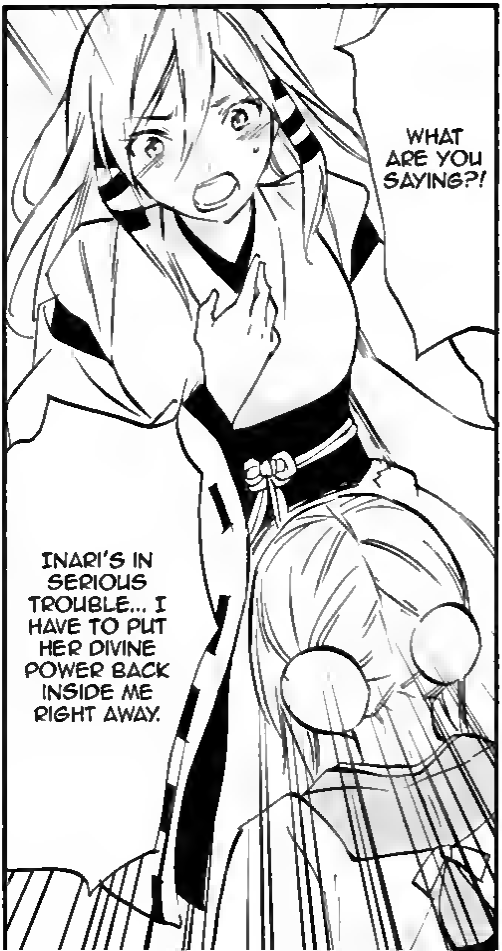


OH! NOW THAT WE HUMANS HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE TO SEE YOU...

I'D BEEN WONDERING IF THAT WAS IT SINCE TOKA USED TO HATE THAT SHRINE!
WHA..
SO MY PLAN TO HAVE TOKA TAKE INARI SUSHI TO THE GODDESS HE HAD A CRUSH ON WORKED?!
UM...

...WHY DON'T YOU STAY THE NIGHT?
THEN PERHAPS YOU AND TOKA CAN GO ON A DATE TOMORROW?
FWAH

YOU MUST BE CONCERNED, TOO!
AH, YES, QUITE.
I'M SO ANXIOUS WITH WORRY MY HEART HURTS.
THEN WHY?? WHAT'S WITH THE D-DATE ...ALL THIS?!
CLENCH


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
INARI'S IN SERIOUS TROUBLE... I HAVE TO PUT HER DIVINE POWER BACK INSIDE ME RIGHT AWAY.

...!
BECAUSE YOU'RE ONE OF INARI'S BELOVED FRIENDS.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY GOOD-BYE, IT SHOULD BE AFTER SHE WAKES UP.
FOR YOU TO SUDDENLY BE UNABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER WHILE FEELING SUCH SADNESS...
...WHY, THAT JUST WOULDN'T DO!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOME-THING INARI WOULD SAY.
SHE'S REALLY.
...JUST LIKE HER MOM!
HEE HEE
BESIDES, I HAVE A FEELING THAT INARI ISN'T GOING ANY-WHERE.
SHE'S NOT THE TYPE OF GIRL...
...WHO WOULD HURT HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS LIKE THAT.

I BET SHE'S TRYING HARD TO FIND A WAY TO WAKE UP RIGHT NOW.
...EVERYONE?
WHERE IS...
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
HEY
WAKE UP!
INA
EVERYONE'S GONE.
I...
I'M...

WAKE UUUP!!
YOU'RE AWAKE, YOU'RE AWAKE!
GLOOM
B-BINNY...? HOW COME...?
WHY INDEED. VERY STRANGE.
THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD BE ASKING! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MISSY?
HUH? WHERE...?
SWIP

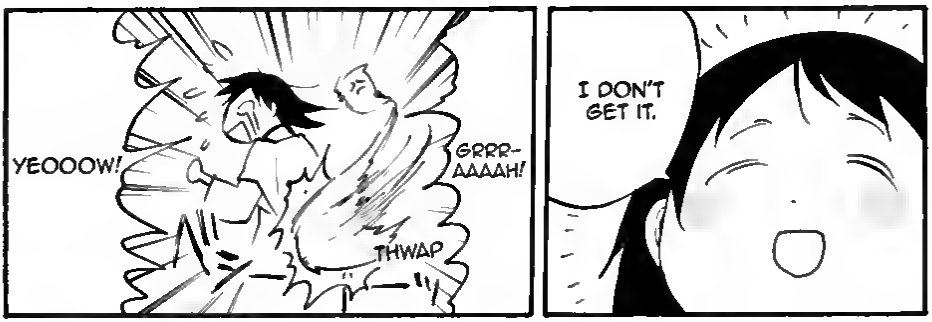
WHERE ARE WE?

TWITCH
BWAP
.....
I...

...GOTTA GET BACK TO EVERY-ONE..
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THEM WORRY...
YES, YES, THAT'S BEST!
BUUUT...
...THE WAY BACK IS...
FWIP
...?
INARI, HEY, INARI.
DID YOU HAPPEN TO DIE?
D-DIE...?

YOU SEE..
...THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO WHERE THE SOULS OF THE DEAD GATHER TO BECOME NEW GODS.
I'M DOING MY PART-TIME JOB OF WANDERING ABOUT AND SMACKING THE BEHINDS OF THE DEAD!
AMAZING, YES? PLEASE TELL ME SO.
...
WHEN YOU FINISH CLIMBING AND PASS THROUGH THE GATE TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS..
...YOU BECOME A SPLENDID NEW GOD.
BUT..I CAN'T BECOME A GODDESS.
WHAT'S AT THE TOP OF THOSE STAIRS?
THEY LEAD TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS.
I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE... TELL ME HOW.
WOBBLE
WEEE-LLLLL...
WOBBLE

IF YOU GO UP TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS, YOU CAN TAKE A TRAIN TO THE HUMAN WORLD, BUT...
OH, OKAY. UP WE GO...
BWUHHH
WHAAA?
WAIT DID YOU HEAR ME?
IF YOU GO THROUGH THE GATE AT THE TOP, YOU'LL BECOME THE GODDESS INARI. YOU CAN'T GO.
TUP


YEOOOW!
GRRR-AAAAH!
THWAP
I DON'T GET IT.

WE'RE BACKED INTO A CORNER NOW.

BUT THEN HER BODY IN THE HUMAN WORLD WILL—
VANISH.
HUH?
NOW THAT INARI'S SOUL HAS GONE THERE...
..SHE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME A GODDESS
THAT CAN'T BE!
MISTRESS AMATERASU...! I BEG YOU, PLEASE...
I SAID I WILL DO NOTHING MORE
I WILL DO NOTHING.

KOJI.
WERE YOU WAITING?
UH... UM...
HOW IS INARI?
.....
TUP
TUP
TUP
IT'S GETTING LATE, YOU OUGHT TO GO HOME.
BUT...
THE GOD-DESS...
...IS RESTING, TOO.
WE'LL ALL WAIT TOGETHER FOR INARI TO WAKE UP.
BUT...!

WHAT IF SHE DISAPPEARS WHILE WE'RE WAITING...?
IT'S GOING TO BE FINE.
LET'S HAVE FAITH IN THEM.
...!

WELL THEN, GOOD NIGHT, KOJI.
WHEN YOU COME TO VISIT TOMORROW SHE MIGHT BE AWAKE AND BACK TO HER USUAL CHEERY SELF
THAT'S TRUE...
THANK YOU.

SHFF

.....
TAKE CARE

ACHOO

zzz
zzz
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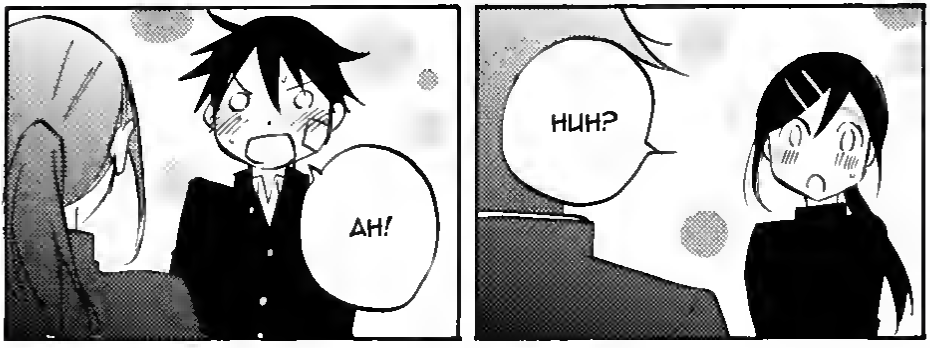
PHEW
zzz
zzz
zzz

KOJI...
IS INARI ALL RIGHT? WAS SHE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL?
No!
CLACK
UH, SHE'LL BE FINE. SEEMS SHE'S JUST GOT A HIGH FEVER BECAUSE OF A COLD.
I SEE.
I COULD HAVE SWORN IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS DISAPPEAR-ING FOR A MOMENT...
MAYBE YOUR EYES WERE TIRED?!
ぎくっ
OH NO!
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
MR TAKEDA..

MOM...
YOU'RE HERE SO LATE EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE TO WORK TOMOR-ROW...
OH NO! IT'S ALL GOOD. I'M GLAD WE FOUND SHIRO.
SINCE HE WROTE THAT HE WENT TO FIND HIS DAD...
I WAS UPSET...
FLOP
I HAD THIS FEELING THAT SHIRO REALLY WOULD GO TO WHERE HE IS.

...
I'M GLAD.

I'M GLAD THAT YOU WERE HERE, MR. TAKEDA.


AH!
HUH?

A-ANYWAY! OFF TO BED!
GOTTA GET UP EARLY!
OH? GOOD NIGHT, KOJI!

MR. TAKEDA...?
PLEASE STAY WITH MOM UNTIL SHE CALMS DOWN

CLACK
DUTY.

I WILL.
IT'S MY VERY IMPORTANT DUTY.

FWUMP
I...
...CAN'T BE MY DAD OR MR. TAKEDA.
WHAT THEY FEEL FOR EACH OTHER IS BETWEEN THEM.
INARI..
I'M GOING TO GO SAVE YOU.
I WILL. I PROMISE.
THIS IS DEFINITE-LY..

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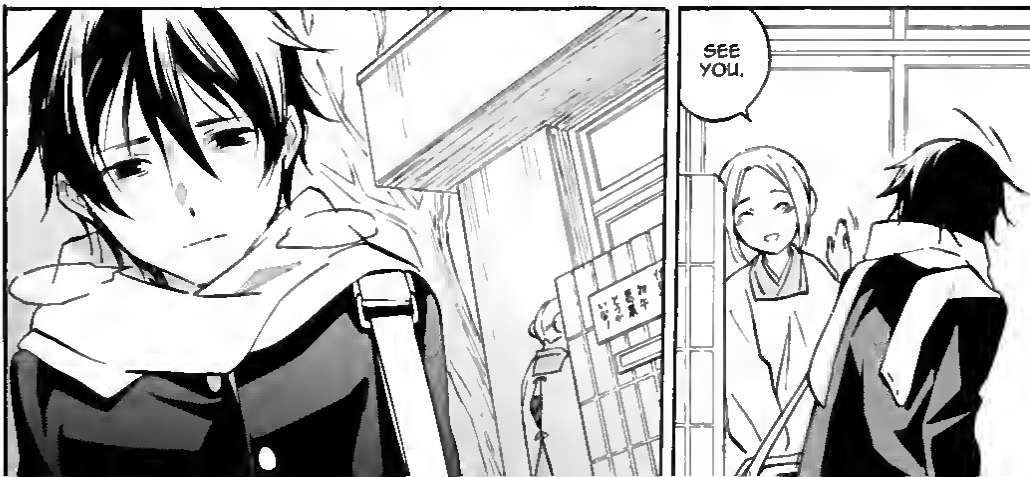
...I SEE...
INARI STILL HASN'T...
I'M SORRY, I KNOW YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE HER. IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I'LL TEXT YOU RIGHT AWAY.
THANK YOU.


SEE YOU.

SHOOMP
.....
MM...
INA-
RI.
TOKA.

SZZ
SZZ
SZZ
MOR-
NING
MORNING! BREAKFAST WILL BE READY SOON.
.....
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.
DAD.
HM? MORNING, TOKA. WHAT'S UP?

!
KOJI, WHERE'S INARI?
THEY'RE HERE! HEY, INARI. HUH?
HEYO!
MORNIN' KOJI!
OH!
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...SHE...
...
INARI.
YOU DIDN'T COME TO-GETHER TODAY?

UM...
SHE'S...
...AT HOME WITH A COLD...IT SEEMS...
WHAAA?! INARI CAUGHT A COLD?
NO WAY.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
...!

IT'S NOTHING.
KOJI!
YOU DIDN'T HEAR WHAT INARI MIGHT BE WORRYING ABOUT, DID YOU?
SHE WAS CRYING--
EEEK?!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SNIFF
AAAUGH
MMM.
THE SCENT OF A FLAXEN-HAIRED MAIDEN. IT'S BEEN SO LONG..
Y--
POP
YOU TOTAL CREEP!
THWAK
A PIC-TURE OF HELL
WHAT? A GOD?
ER, UH, I MEAN...
TWITCH
TWITCH
WAAAAH
YOU'RE THAT GOD!!
Y--

HUP
I TAKE MY EYES OFF HIM FOR ONE SECOND AND THIS HAPPENS
OH DEAR, SO SORRY, MISS.

HOW DO YOU DO?
MIGHT WE BORROW YOU FOR A MOMENT...

MASTER KOJI?

SQUEEEE!
LOVELY!
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL, MISTRESS UKA!

MY FAMILY SELLS KIMONOS.
WE'LL LEND YOU ANY OF THEM, SO CHOOSE WHATEVER YOU LIKE!
Wh--
WHA...?

EEK
GLEAM
EEK
THANK YOU, MOTHER!
I CALLED MY PARENTS LAST NIGHT AND ASKED THEM TO BRING THESE.
UM..
WHAT IS THIS...?
テンションの落差についていけない。
Has no idea how to react.

FOR INARI'S COMING-OF-AGE CEREMONY I'LL HAVE HER WEAR OUR BEST, TOO!
MOTHER, YOU BROUGHT SUCH GORGEOUS KIMONO THIS TIME
OF COURSE YOU SAID IT WAS FOR A FRIEND OF INARI'S!
I'M ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
...THAT INARI WILL COME BACK...
THEY BELIEVE IN HER SO MUCH...
...
THEY BELIEVE...

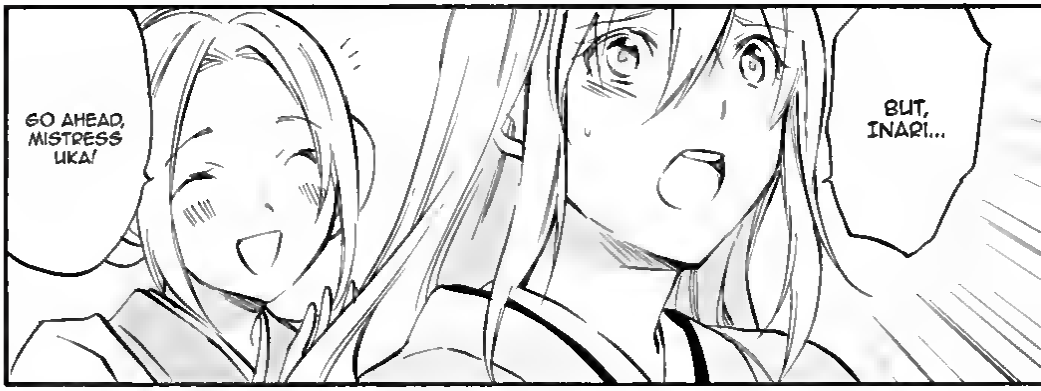
HEE HEE...
HM?
ARE YOU REMEMBERING SOMETHING FUNNY?
SORRY, THIS JUST REMINDED ME OF A SIMILAR TIME..
...TOGETHER WITH HER.
...AND IN THE FUTURE THEY'LL HAVE...
OH MYYYY!
...TOKA AND INARI CAME TO SAVE ME, AND I BROKE OFF THE ENGAGEMENT.
AH, BUT...
A MARRIAGE INTERVIEW?!
...WHEN I WAS DECIDING WHAT TO WEAR FOR A MARRIAGE INTERVIEW

TOKA, TAKE A LOOK!
!
WHAT'S THIS? PLEASE TELL US MORE!
なにそれ
きかせて
もっと
くわしく
HUH?
CLACK
WHOA, AMAZING! SO ELEGANT!
HATSUMA, ARE YOU AND TOKA DONE TALKING?
HM? YEAH, FOR NOW.
U-UH..
TOKA, THANK YOU...
STOMP
STOMP
WHAT DO YOU THINK, TOKA?
DOESN'T GRANDMA'S KIMONO SUIT YOUR LADY?!

?!
...FOR THE JACKET LAST N--
くしゃっ
RUFF
くしゃ
じーっ
HMM?
TOKA?
HMM?
じーっ

OKAY!
EVERY-ONE'S LOOK-ING. ...?
?
YOU'RE HILARIOUS AS ALWAYS, TOKA!
WHAT'S "OKAY"?!
FWAP
ケラケラ
WAHAHA

HM?
WE CAN BUY YOU SOME CLOTHES AND HAVE A NICE MEAL.
UKA...
..WHY DON'T WE GO BY KAWARAMACHI TOGETHER.


GO AHEAD, MISTRESS UKA!
BUT, INARI...

THANK YOU, MOM.
IT'S OUR DUTY TO WAIT FOR INARI HERE AT HOME.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, WE'LL LET TOKA KNOW.

.....
HM? REAL-LY?
IT'S FINE, I GOT IT.
HOLD ON, I'LL GET YOU SOME MONEY.
I PROMISE.
YOU'RE 18 NOW STARTING NEXT MONTH, WE'LL PAY YOU MORE FOR HELPING WITH YOUR DAD'S WORK
IN THAT CASE...
.....
...?

.....
TOKA...
WHA?!
...HOW MUCH DO YOU LIKE MISTRESS UKA?

ENOUGH TO WRAP AROUND THE WORLD FIVE TIMES!
SEE YOU LATER.

U-UM.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
YOU'RE A GODDESS, TOO., AREN'T YOU?
HEE
KLATTER

I AM OMIYA-NO-ME-NO-KAMI.
SORRY FOR BEING SO SUDDEN.
...?
WHY ARE WE ON THE ROOF?
AS YOU GUESSED, I AM A GODDESS.

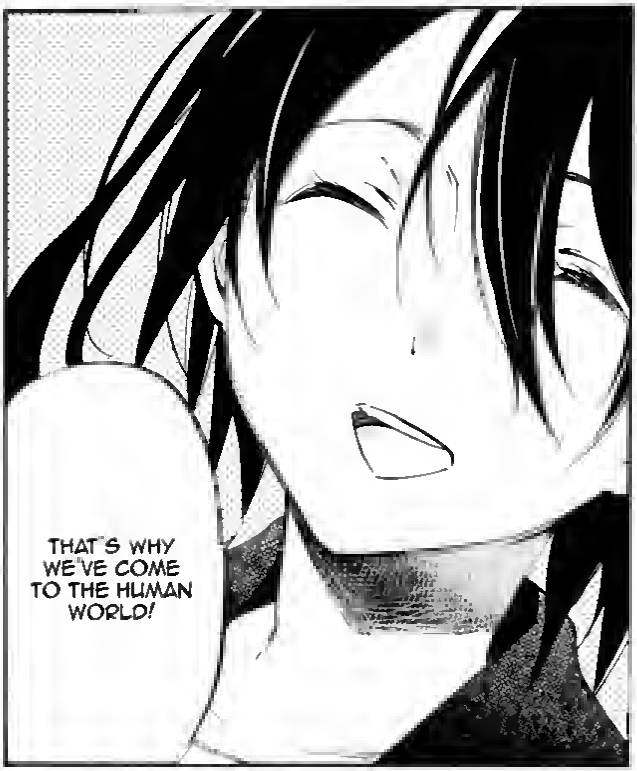
PLEASE CALL ME MIYA.
しゃなり
CURTSY.
AH! PLEASED!
...I MEAN, UH ..

CELESTIAL PLAINS - HUMAN WORLD
ROUND-TRIP TICKET
高天原-人間界
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
SWISH
TICKETS...?

RIGHT NOW, MISS INARI...
...IS IN THE CELESTIAL PLAINS.
TO BE MORE ACCURATE...
...SHE IS JUST ABOUT TO GO THROUGH THE GATE TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS...
...IN A PLACE WHERE HUMAN SOULS GATHER TO CROSS OVER.
HUMAN... SOULS...?
HUMANS WHO ARE VIRTUOUS IN LIFE CAN BECOME GODS AFTER THEY DIE.
THAT'S HOW IT WAS FOR ME.

ALTHOUGH MY MEMORIES OF MY TIME AS A HUMAN HAVE GRADUALLY FADED...
.....
MISS INARI HAS UNDER-GONE MUCH TRAINING...
..AND NOW IT IS WORKING AGAINST HER.
SHE EVEN GAVE UP HUMAN PLEASURES FOR HER TRAINING...
SO...
...IS THAT WHY SHE'S BECOMING A GODDESS...?
BUT. .SHE'S NOT DEAD--
THAT'S RIGHT.

MISS INARI'S BODY IS STILL LIVING
WE NEED ONLY TO BRING HER SOUL BACK TO IT.


THAT'S WHY WE'VE COME TO THE HUMAN WORLD!

HOW?
I'VE NEVER ONCE HEARD OF A SOUL THAT MADE IT BACK TO THE HUMAN WORLD FROM THAT PLACE.

WE...

HUH?
WHAT?

...CAN TAKE YOU...
...WITH US TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS, MASTER KOJI.
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO WAIT...
...FOR MISS INARI TO FIND HER WAY BACK...
...WHILE LIVING YOUR LIFE AS YOU HAVE BEEN?
OR...

.....
OKAY, TAKE YOUR SEATS
DING DONG
キーン コーン カーン コーン
DING DONG
...JUST WAIT?
WILL I...
I...
CAN I STAND BY EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THE TRUTH?
I DON'T WANT THAT. I...
I...
...DON'T BELIEVE THAT INARI...
...IS SO STRONG THAT SHE CAN SOLVE EVERYTHING ON HER OWN

SHE'S AN AVERAGE 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE SHE CAN COME BACK BY HERSELF FROM A DANGEROUS PLACE LIKE THAT
SHE MIGHT BE WAITING FOR ME TO HELP.
THAT'S WHY...
...WHEREVER SHE MAY BE...
...I'LL GO SAVE HER.
RIGHT NOW!
SO PLEASE, MISS GOD-DESS.
TAKE ME WITH YOU...

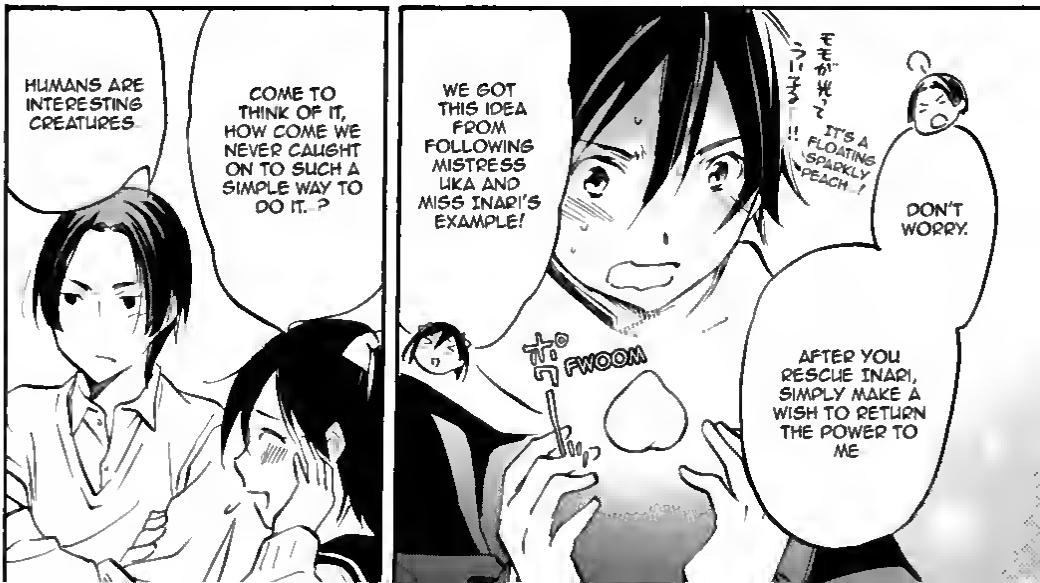
...TO THE WORLD OF THE GODS.
TAKE ME SO I CAN SAVE INARI.

THANK YOU SO MUCH...

PLIP
PLIP

I REALLY DON'T KNOW...
..HOW WE CAN SAVE HER..
HOW-EVER...
...I THOUGHT THAT A HUMAN COULD SAVE HER...
...THAT YOU, MASTER KOJI COULD...
...AND I CAME HOLDING ON TO A SLIVER OF HOPE
PLEASE...
...BEFORE SHE DIS-APPEARS...
MASTER TOSHI!
UGH.

EAT THIS.
IT'S PART OF MY DIVINE POWER.
FWIP
WHAT?!
IT'S BECAUSE HUMANS NORMALLY CAN'T TAKE THE TRAIN
B-BUT...


WE GOT THIS IDEA FROM FOLLOWING MISTRESS UKA AND MISS INARI'S EXAMPLE!
モモが光って浮いてる!!
IT'S A FLOATING SPARKLY PEACH!
DON'T WORRY.
AFTER YOU RESCUE INARI, SIMPLY MAKE A WISH TO RETURN THE POWER TO ME
FWOOM
COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW COME WE NEVER CAUGHT ON TO SUCH A SIMPLE WAY TO DO IT...?
HUMANS ARE INTERESTING CREATURES

BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
GULP
NO, I WON'T!
..BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME AND DECIDE TO KEEP MY POWER, ARE YOU?
I REALIZE I'M BEAUTIFUL...
AH IT'S GOOD.
NOM NOM
WHOA
CHOMP
HERE GOES!
WHOA
...!

SHALL WE GO?
SPECIAL LIMITED EXPRESS
TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS
特急
OFF TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS!

K--
KOJI...
!!
KEIKO...
TELL THE TEACHER I WENT HOME EARLY.
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED WITH INARI. HASN'T IT?

AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS, RIGHT?
SHE'S ... GONE AND GOTTEN HERSELF MIXED UP IN SOMETHING AGAIN, I BET.
YEAH.
HELP
HER
SKWEEZ

臨時特急
高天原 行き
FWEEET
...HELP HER!
SHE'S MY FRIEND...
THE TRAIN WILL SOON DEPART
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM RUSHING TO GET ONTO THE TRAIN.
YOU GOT IT.
WAIT FOR ME.

WE'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK TOGETHER.
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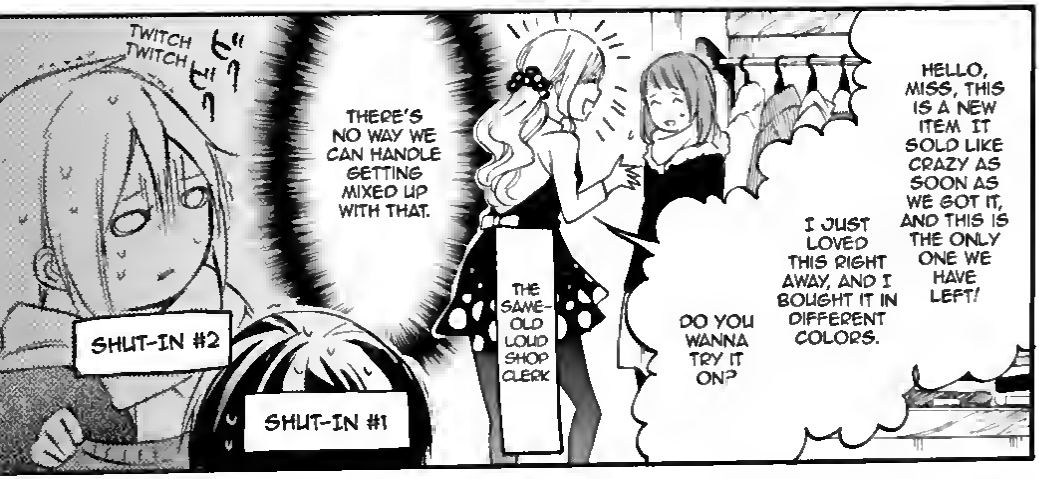
Chapter 48
KLAKKETA
KLAKKETA
RATTLE
.....
THANKS...
...TOKA.
HM?
YOU MEAN THE CLOTHES? I JUST THOUGHT A KIMONO MIGHT BE HARD TO MOVE IN, THAT'S ALL.
WELL, THAT TOO, BUT...
KYOTO RAIL GION-SHIJO STATION
JUST... THANKS.

...INARI AND TOKA.
THEY'VE GOTTEN SO BIG.
SOON WE'LL HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 20 YEARS
TIME'S REALLY...
...GONE BY SO FAST.
燈日 3歳
TOKA AGE 3
MARUYAMA PARK

HMMM...
RUSTLE
I DON'T KNOW..
SEEMS KINDA OFF.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU DO ALL THIS, TOKA.
PAO
UH! BARGAIN!
UH! BARGAIN!
20 % OFF
WINTER
SALE

GLANCE
HAVING SAID THAT...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT WOMEN'S CLOTHING...
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS FASHIONABLE STUFF...
DO YOU WEAR THIS ALONE? PEOPLE CAN SEE YOUR THIGHS...


TWITCH TWITCH
SHUT-IN #2
SHUT-IN #1
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN HANDLE GETTING MIXED UP WITH THAT.
THE SAME-OLD LOUD SHOP CLERK
DO YOU WANNA TRY IT ON?
I JUST LOVED THIS RIGHT AWAY, AND I BOUGHT IT IN DIFFERENT COLORS.
HELLO, MISS, THIS IS A NEW ITEM IT SOLD LIKE CRAZY AS SOON AS WE GOT IT, AND THIS IS THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE LEFT!

PG BOY
SELF SET FAIR!
THERE ARE SO MANY CLOTHES FOR HUMANS..
CLOTHING
I-I'LL TRY CHOOSING SOMETHING ON MY OWN. IT'LL BE AN EXPERIENCE!
RIGHT, THAT'S IT! DO YOUR BEST!

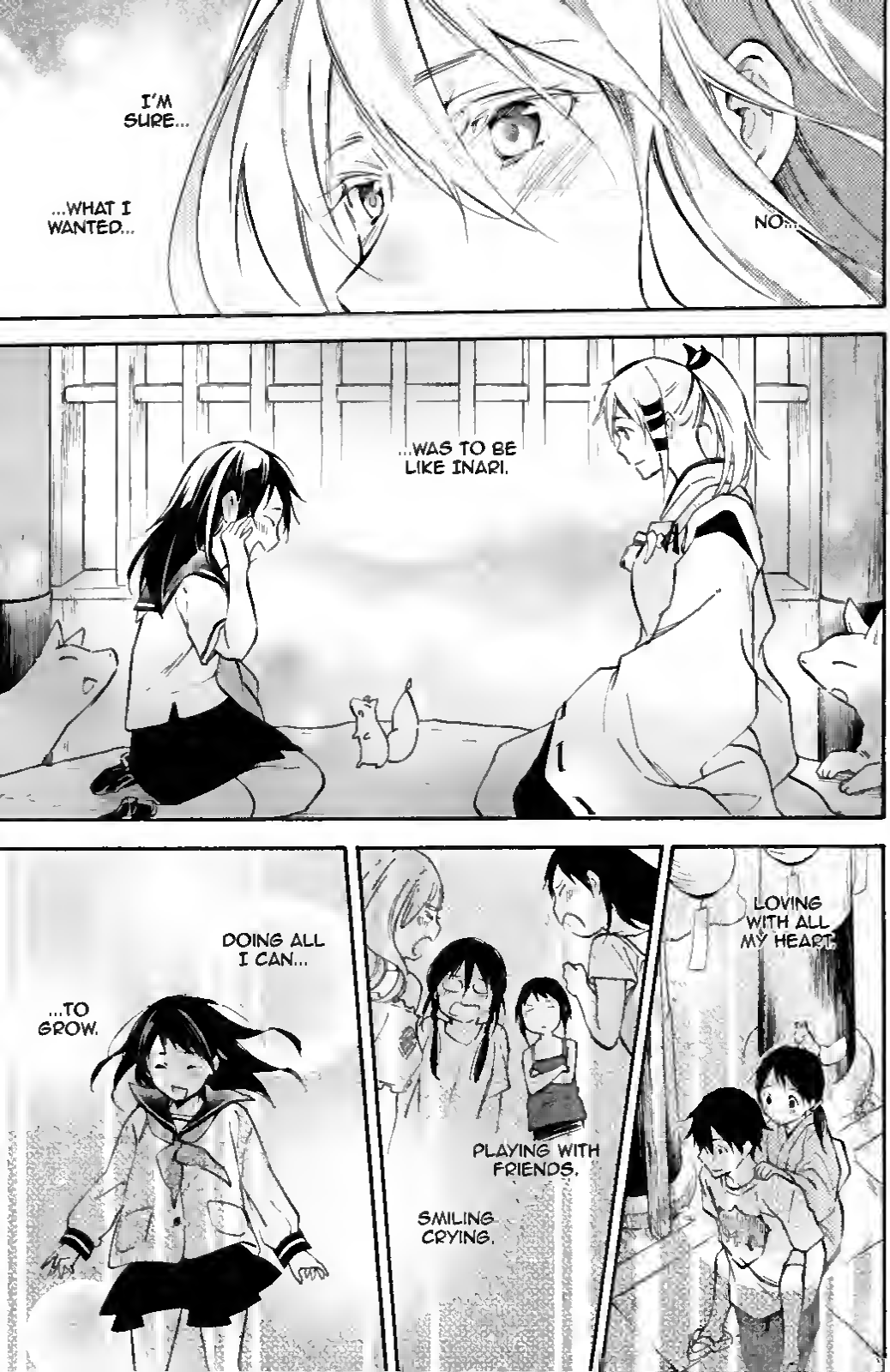
HUMANS...
AH.

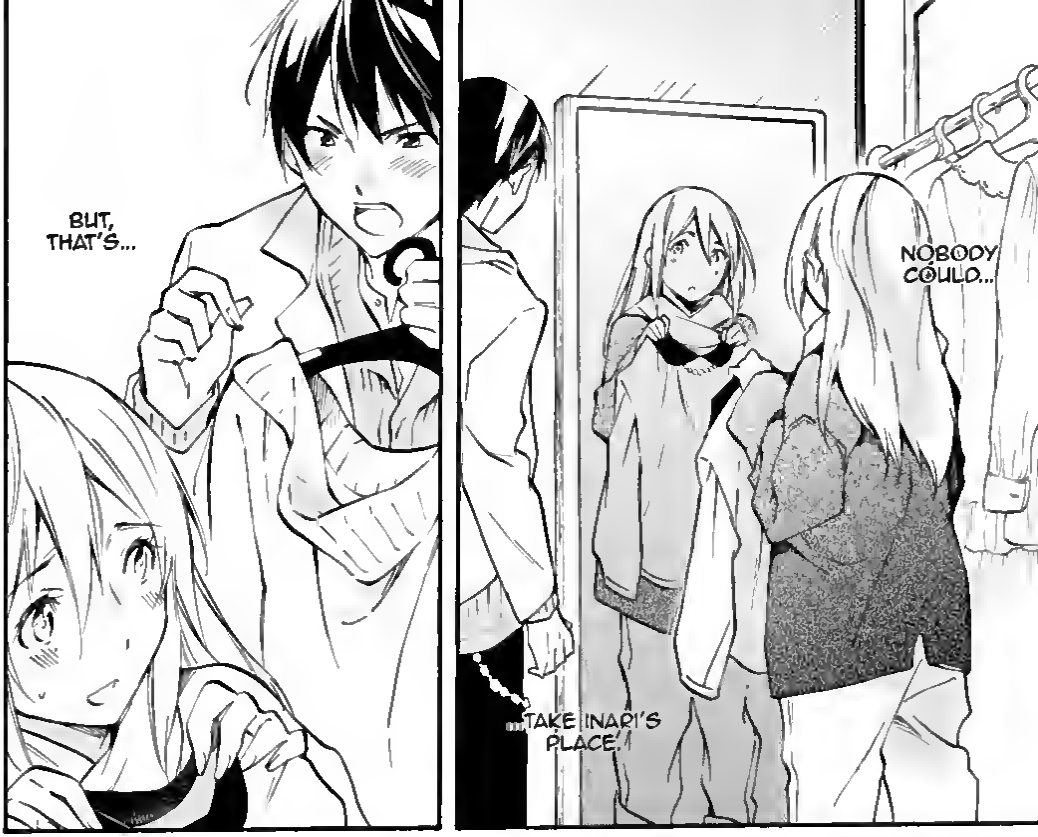
THIS LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING INARI WOULD WEAR!
IT'S CUTE, JUST LIKE HER.
I'LL GET THIS.

IS THAT...
...REALLY WHAT YOU WANT TO WEAR?
HUH?
.....
NO...
IT'S NOT.

I'LL PICK SOMETHING ELSE!
SURE
IS IT OKAY IF I LOOK AT A LOT OF OTHER STORES?
YEAH.

DID I...
...REALLY WANT TO BECOME A HUMAN?
SHINKYOGOKU
kyoto
animate
1F

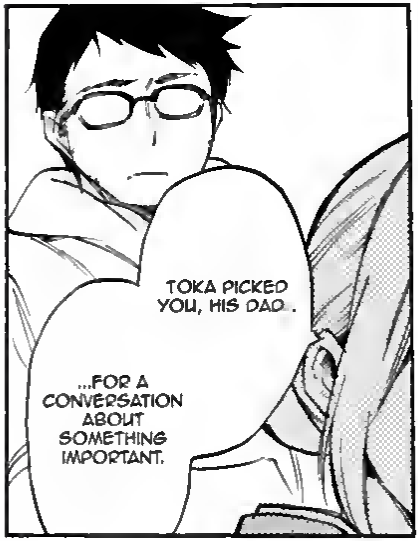

I'M SURE...
...WHAT I WANTED...
NO...
...WAS TO BE LIKE INARI.
DOING ALL I CAN...
...TO GROW.
PLAYING WITH FRIENDS.
SMILING.
CRYING.
LOVING WITH ALL MY HEART.


BUT, THAT'S...
NOBODY COULD...
TAKE INARI'S PLACE.

...ALSO TRUE...
...ABOUT ME.

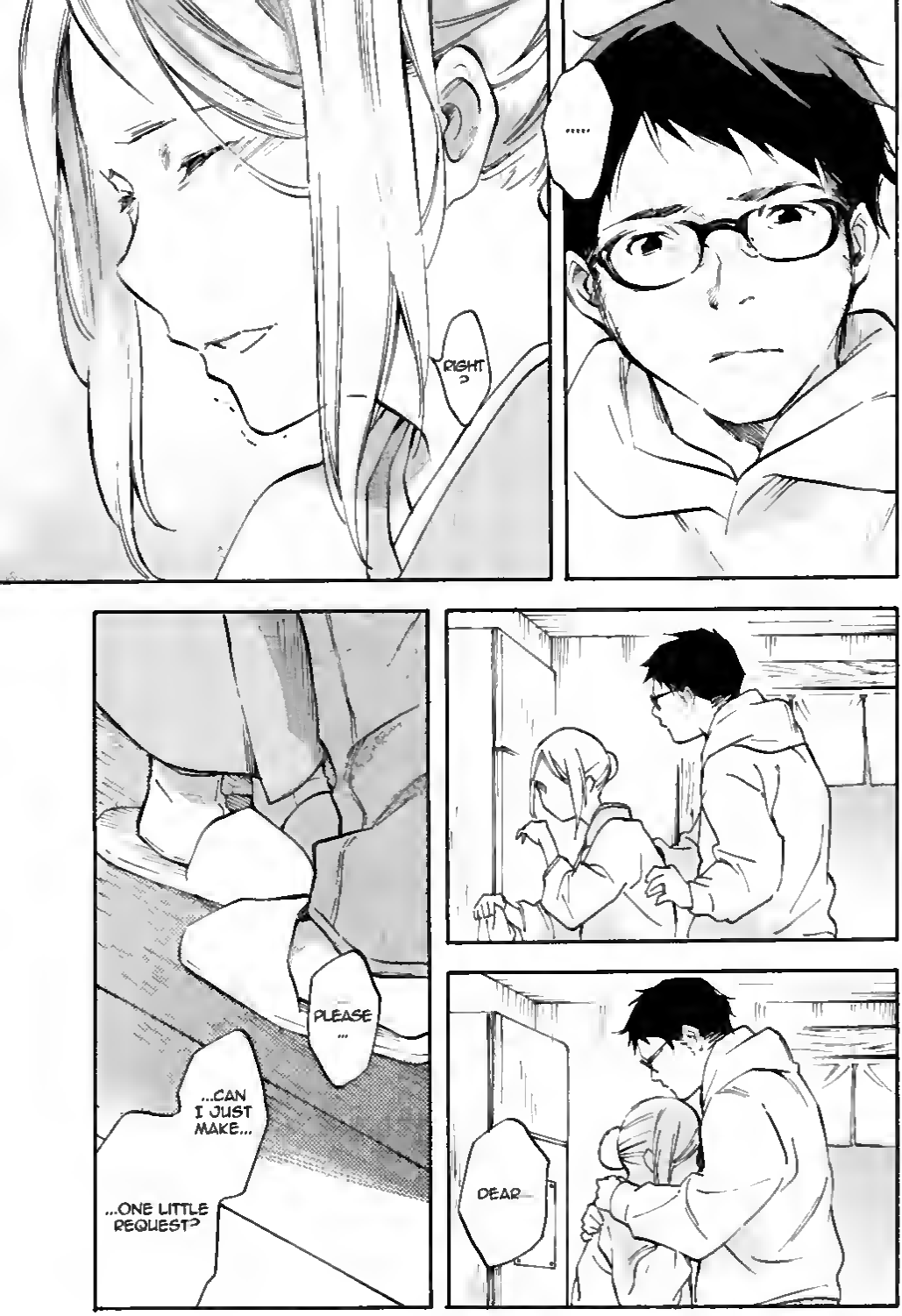
WOMP
I'M HOME.
PHEW, I SAW MOTHER OFF. NOW I'LL START PREPARING FOR SUPPER.
WELL DONE! I FINISHED MY LAYOUT, SO I'LL HELP YOU.
LET ME GUESS ARE WE HAVING ODEN?
HATSUMA...
WHAT DID .
...YOU AND TOKA TALK ABOUT THIS MORNING?

AH, TYPICAL MEN.
FSSSSH
UM...
DREAMS AND ROMANCE AND STUFF?


TOKA PICKED YOU, HIS DAD.
...FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

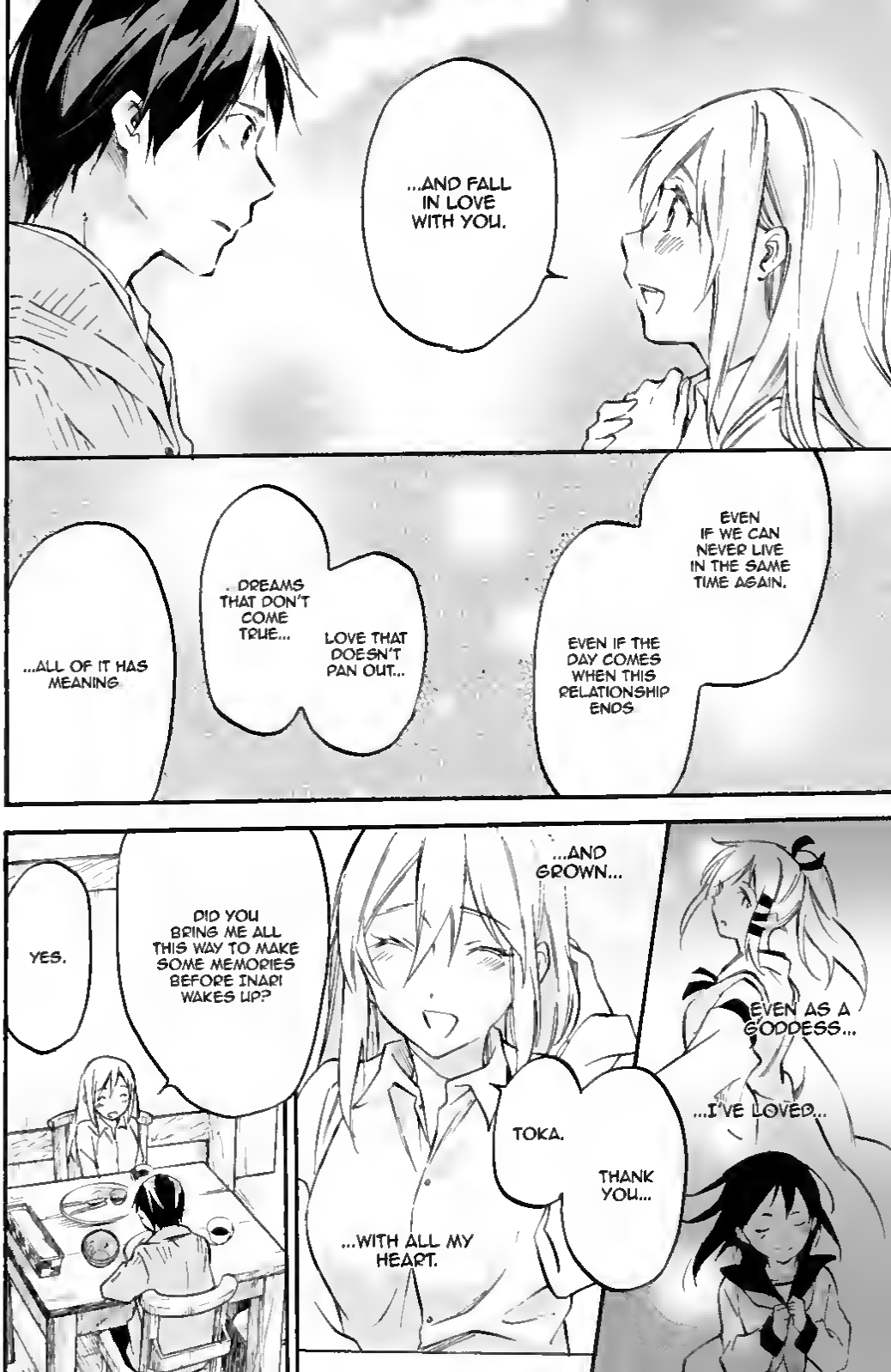
ARE YOU WONDERING WHY HE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT IT WITH YOU?
NOT AT ALL.

IF SO, THEN..
...ALL I CAN DO IS ACCEPT.
...WHATEVER DECISION HE'S MADE.


RIGHT ?
.....
PLEASE ...
...CAN I JUST MAKE...
...ONE LITTLE REQUEST?
DEAR...

AH...
HM? WHY AM I..?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? TIRED?
NO, IT'S NOT THAT
I'M ACTUALLY HAPPY...
TODAY WAS SO MUCH FUN.
IT REALLY WAS
BUT...

YOU'RE EXAGGERATING. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
...I GUESS?
.. EVERYTHING COMES TO AN END SOMEDAY...
...I'M SAD THAT...
TOKA...
WHEN INARI COMES BACK...
...I'M GOING TO TAKE BACK MY POWER.
I WON'T DISAVOW MY DUTIES ANYMORE.
IT'S BECAUSE I'M A GODDESS THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET INARI...


...AND FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU.
EVEN IF WE CAN NEVER LIVE IN THE SAME TIME AGAIN.
EVEN IF THE DAY COMES WHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP ENDS
...DREAMS THAT DON'T COME TRUE...
LOVE THAT DOESN'T PAN OUT...
...ALL OF IT HAS MEANING
...AND GROWN...
EVEN AS A GODDESS...
...I'VE LOVED...
TOKA.
THANK YOU...
...WITH ALL MY HEART.
DID YOU BRING ME ALL THIS WAY TO MAKE SOME MEMORIES BEFORE INARI WAKES UP?
YES.

OUR LAST MEMORIES..
...BETWEEN A HUMAN AND A GODDESS.
INARI WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOU AGAIN
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
INARI IS SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO CHERISH HER.
THAT'S TRUE.
WE'LL WATCH OVER THEM TOGETHER, FOREVER.
RIGHT!
JUST LIKE ALWAYS, TOGETHER WE'LL...
KLINK
.....

YOU...?
YES...
YOU WOULD BECOME A GOD?
SURELY IT'S...!
AH

YEAH, YEAH, I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!
WHAM
...YOUR OVERACTIVE IMAGINATION RUNNING WILD...?!
HUM...
WELL...
I GUESS... YOU HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH A GODDESS.
THAT'S JUST...
...HOW IT IS...
SO HOW...
...DO YOU BECOME A GOD...?

INARI WENT FOR SOME KIND OF TRAINING OVER WINTER BREAK...
WAIT, WHAAAT?! SHE WASN'T AWAY AT A SCHOOL THING TO IMPROVE HER GRADES?! THAT WAS FOR TRAINING?!
BUT, IF IT'S POSSIBLE...
...I'D LIKE...
..TO BECOME ONE WITH HER RIGHT AWAY.
.....
WHAT IF..
...FOR EXAMPLE.
..YOU TRIED YOUR BEST TO FORGET MISTRESS UKA...
...CONTINUED YOUR LIFE AS A NORMAL HUMAN...
..WENT TO COLLEGE..
...GOT A JOB...
...AND FOUND A HUMAN GIRL YOU LIKED IN THE FUTURE?

THEN THIS LOVE WOULD JUST BE A GOOD MEMORY.
MAYBE YOU COULD FIND HAPPINESS SOME OTHER WAY?
NOW...
RIGHT NOW...
...THE WAY TO MAKE THE GIRL I LOVE MORE THAN ANYONE HAPPY..
...IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME
NO MATTER HOW EXTRA-ORDINARY IT IS..
...IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT ONLY I CAN DO...

..THEN, I KNOW THAT...
...I CAN MAKE HER HAPPY.
THAT'S WHAT BEING A MAN IS.
PLEASE, HATSUMA.
I DON'T WANT TO...
...CRY IN FRONT OF TOKA.

CHILDREN GROW UP...
...IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
KUZUHA
DON'T YOU THINK WE'VE RAISED A WONDERFUL MAN?
LET ME GET THIS OVER WITH NOW...
...SO I CAN SEE HIM OFF WITH A SMILE.
...HE'S OUR PRIDE AND JOY!
...BECAUSE...
...BECAUSE
I DO...

UKA!!
WAIT!
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?!
BAP
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
A G—
WHEEZE

A GOD?!
TOKA..
...YOU CAN'T!
!
I CAN!
YOU HAVE A FAMILY THAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU!
YOU BELONG HERE IN THE HUMAN WORLD!!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME IT TAKES, EVEN IF IT TAKES UNTIL I DIE...
...I'LL TRAIN. I'LL DO ANYTHING.
THAT'S NOT IT!
TOKA...
...YOU'RE HUMAN...

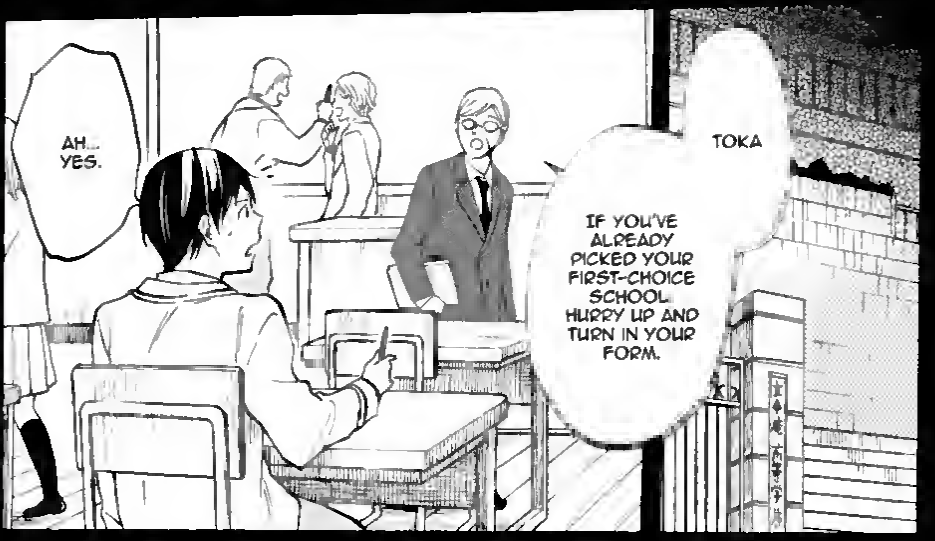
.....

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I DO.
...?

?!
GRAB
THE FAMILY I'VE ALWAYS LIVED WITH, MY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES...
...EVERYTHING I WAS RAISED WITH...
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO AWAY.

HAAAH...
PHEW...
HATSUMA, LOOK!
TOKA GOT A 100 ON HIS TEST!
THAT'S AMAZING, TOKA!
YOU REALLY STUDIED HARD.
STUDYING WAS NEVER HARD FOR ME.

DAD
MOM!
CAN I GO TO A PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL?
I'D LIKE TO GET INTO THE BEST ONE I CAN AND THEN GO TO KYOTO UNIVERSITY.
KYOTO UNIVERSITY?!
WHY SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS PLACE?!
YOU LOVE STUDYING, DON'T YOU?



RITSUMEIKAN HIGH SCHOOL

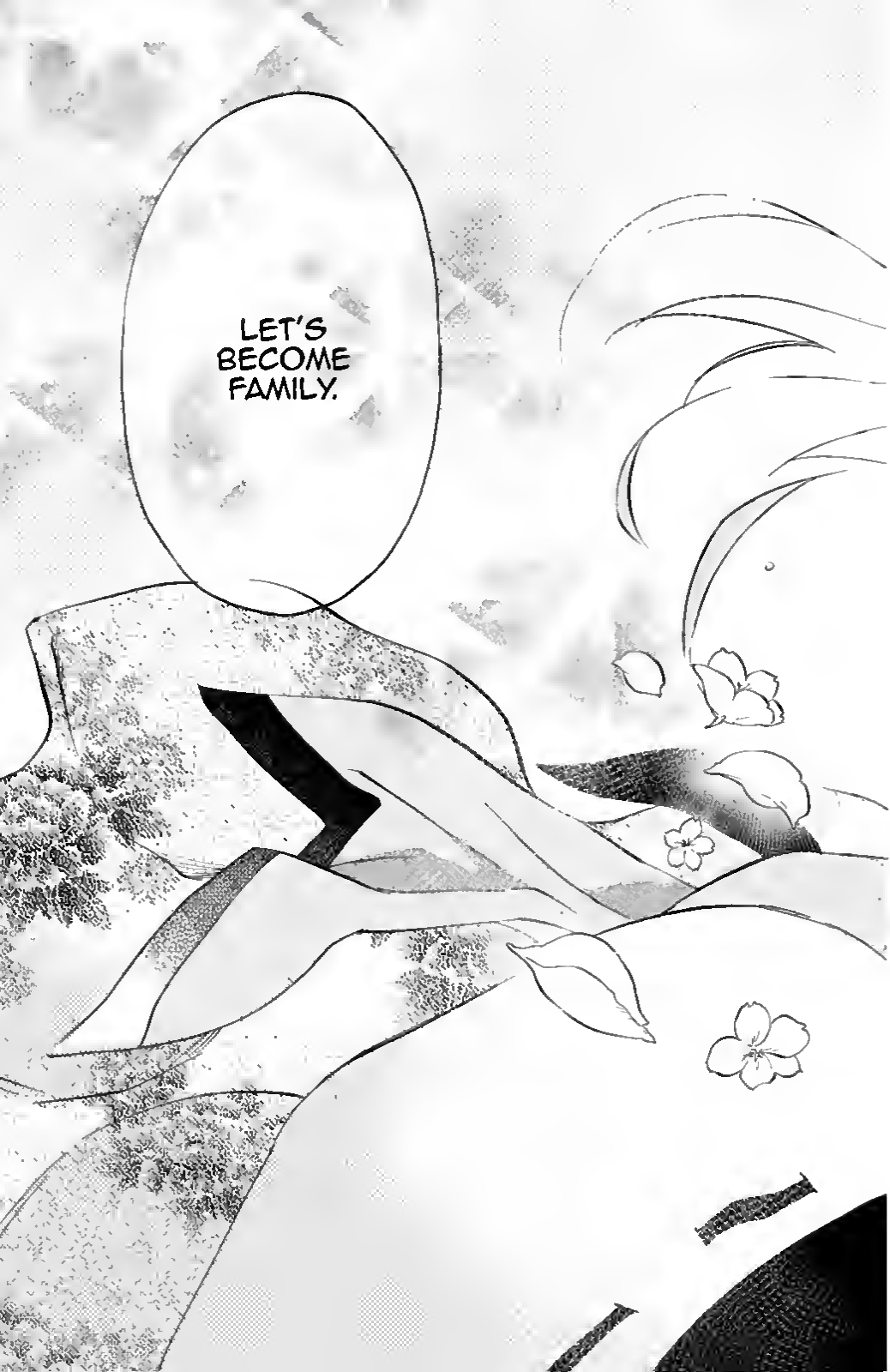
LET'S GO!
IS IT REALLY NECES-SARY TO DECIDE SUCH IMPORTANT THINGS NOW?
WHY DO I WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSITY.
...AND WHAT DO I WANT TO DO AFTER THAT...?
TAP TAP
PUTTING IN EFFORT HAD NO MEANING
KYOTO UNIVERSITY (LAW)
KYOTO UNIVERSITY (LITERATURE)
YEAR 3 CLASS 1
...AND FOUND SOMETHING I WANTED TO DO OTHER THAN STUDY...
AND I THOUGHT THAT IF I STARTED SOME-THING NEW...
...THEN ALL THE TIME I'D SPENT UNTIL NOW...
...WOULD HAVE BEEN WASTED.

I'M FINE WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE.
IF I COULD BE LIKE THIS FOREVER...
IF YOU'VE FOUND SOMETHING YOU'RE MORE INTERESTED IN...
MARIE

...THAN STUDYING...
...THERE'S NO NEED TO TORTURE YOURSELF.
...THE FUTURE THAT HAD ALWAYS LOOKED SO HAZY BEFORE.
I LAST, I CAN SEE...

MY HAPPI-NESS IS...
...BESIDE YOU.
IT'S BEING WITH YOU...
...WATCHING OVER THE THINGS I CHERISH.
THAT'S...
THAT'S, UH...
B--
BE-CAUSE I... LOVE YOU

SO LET'S SHARE THE TIME WE HAVE..
...AND LIVE ON, TOGETHER.


LET'S BECOME FAMILY.

IN THE END...
..YOU DIDN'T PICK ANY OUTFITS.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, I'M HAPPY BECAUSE IT WAS SO MUCH FUN.
AND..

.. MORE IMPORTANTLY, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
...THIS IS WHAT...
...SUITS ME BEST
HM?
IF...WE GET MARRIED... YOU DO REALIZE...
...WHO YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW WILL BE, DON'T YOU?
INARI...
I DON'T MIND.
GETTING THE SAME POWER AS HIM MEANS I CAN FINALLY PAY HIM BACK FOR ALL THE THINGS HE'S SUBJECTED ME TO...

HEY.
INARI.
BECAUSE I MET YOU...
I WANT TO TELL INARI ABOUT US AS SOON AS I CAN.
I WANT TO ASK HER ALL ABOUT KOJI.
WE'LL HAVE A GOOD TALK THIS TIME.
...I WAS ABLE TO...
...KNOW LOVE.
...!

Chapter 48 - End

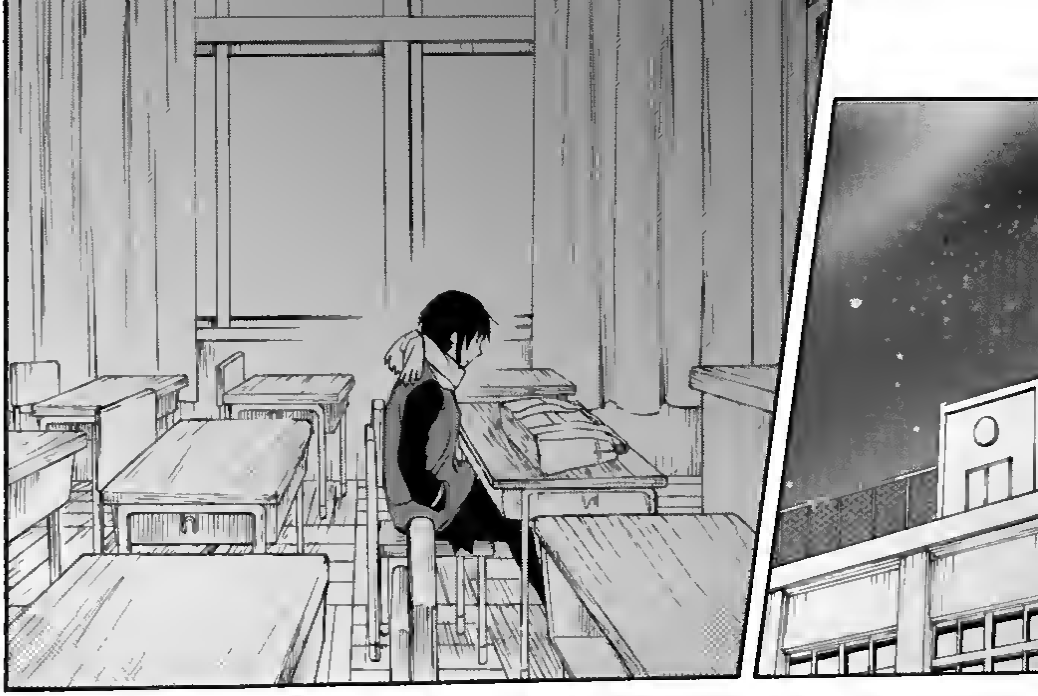
Inari Konkon

Inari Konkon

Chapter 49

...
...MASTER KOJI!

WAKE UP, PLEASE.
...?
WE'VE ARRIVED.
THIS IS THE WORLD OF THE GODS...
Celestial Plains
...THE CELESTIAL PLAINS.

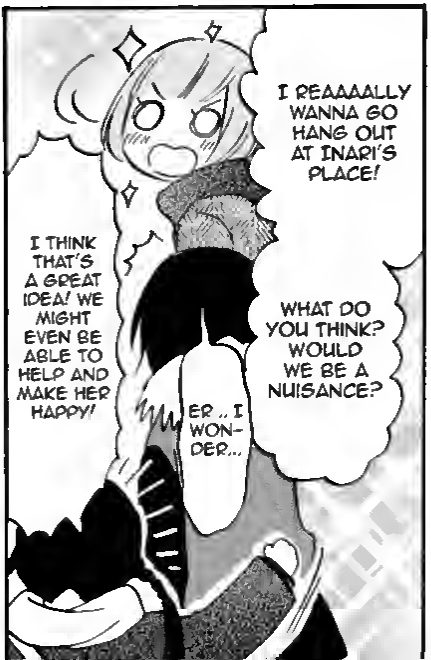


THEY'RE GOING TO SHUT THE GATE.
LET'S GO HOME, KEIKO.
.....

SQUEEZE

HEY, KEIKO, CHIKA...

INSTEAD OF WORRY MYSELF TO DEATH...
...WONDERING WHAT'S HAPPENING TO INARI...
..I'D RATHER JUST THINK ABOUT THE MOMENT WHEN SHE RETURNS WITH KOJI.


I REAAAALLY WANNA GO HANG OUT AT INARI'S PLACE!
I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO HELP AND MAKE HER HAPPY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? WOULD WE BE A NUISANCE?
ER .. I WON-DER...

I WANT US ALL TO SMILE...
AND BE BY HER SIDE TO SAY "WELCOME BACK."
I'M GLAD...
..THAT THESE GIRLS ARE MY FRIENDS...
...AND INARI'S.
YEAH, EXACTLY.
WHADDYA MEAN MY JOB?!
BUT IT'S KEIKO'S JOB TO GET MAD, RIGHT?
I'M SAYING IT'S GOOD. IT WOULD CHEER HER UP
LET'S GO!
AH, I SHOULD CALL HOME
AH.
TUP

G-GOOD EVENING.
UM
UM
HEY THERE.
HM?
WHO'S THAT...?
WAIT!
WHAT?! N-N-NO WAY...!
...LOOK AT HER...! COULD IT BE...?!
OH?

BAM
IS THIS REAL LIFE?! OH-EM-GEE!
ハアハア huff huff
PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR AUTO-GRAPH!
EEEK!
NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M AKEMI SUMI-ZOME!
ARE YOU A GOD-DESS?!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

I'VE BEEN WATCHING OVER YOU...
...SINCE YOU WERE BORN.
I DON'T HAVE AN AUTO-GRAPH.
I KNOW YOU ALL VERY WELL.

LET'S DRAW ON HER FACE!
HEY NOW, CHIKA...
GIVE HER A MOUS-TACHE!
KEI-KOOO!
TEE HEE HEE

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EEK
EEK!
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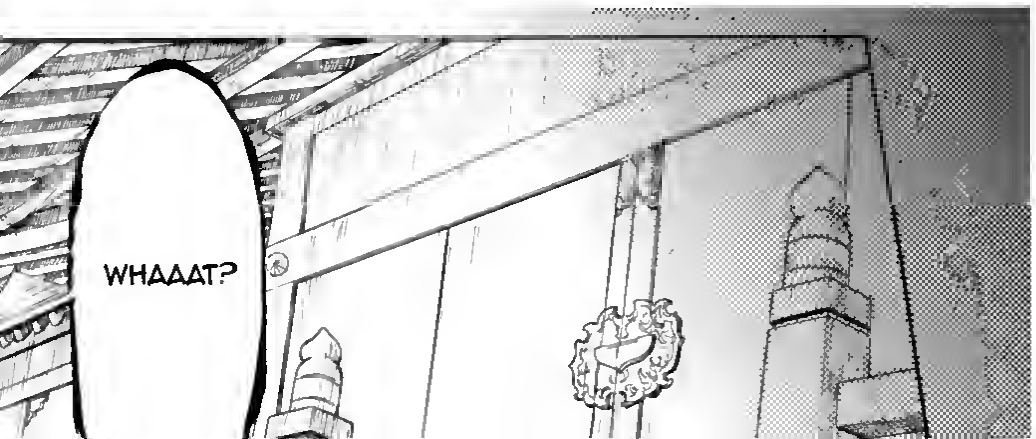
HEY, TOKA...
I HAVE A REQUEST.
?
NOOO!
ACK!


WHAAAT?

YOU GAVE DIVINE POWER... TO A HUMAN... AGAIN.
なぁぁぁぁ
UUUUUUUGH

U-UM. ...
PSST
PEOPLE WHO ENTER THE CELESTIAL PLAINS FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH MISTRESS AMATERASU.
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
PSST

DO AS YOU LIKE...
...!
HNGH...
MAY I LEAVE NOW?
I WANT TO GO FIND INARI RIGHT AWAY!
BAM

HUH?
BUT WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE YOU'LL ACCOMPLISH BY COMING TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS?
SO LONG AS HER BODY AND SOUL AREN'T CONNECTED...
..INARI WILL BECOME A GODDESS FOR CERTAIN THIS TIME AS SOON AS YOU BRING HER SOUL INTO THE WORLD OF THE GODS
EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING..
...BUT A GODDESS WHO HAS THE POWER AND YET DOES NOTHING...
...IS EVEN MORE POWERLESS THAN A HUMAN LIKE ME.

A MERE HUMAN LIKE YOU MEANS TO PERSUADE ME?
KLANG
LISTEN TO ME. IT'S THOSE SMALL-TIME GODS WHO ARE TRULY CAPABLE OF NOTHING.
WHICH IS WHY I RELIED ON A HUMAN!
HOW INSO-LENT!
ARE YOU SAYING GODS ARE INFERIOR TO HUMANS?!
IT'S NOT ABOUT SUPERIORITY.
GODS ARE GODS. HUMANS ARE HUMANS.
I BELIEVE THEY EACH HAVE ACTIONS ONLY THEY CAN TAKE.
THE HUMANS HAVE TAUGHT US THIS.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MISTRESS AMATERASU?

HMM...
FWISH
DO AS YOU WISH.
QUICKLY!
ALL OF YOU, GET OUT!
....
THE SUN HAS ALREADY SET
I'LL BE RESTING IN MY ROOM.
RUSTLE

OH MY...
THAT WAS QUITE A STRESSFUL AUDIENCE
IT WAS SCARY
FOR NOW, HOW ABOUT SOME TEA? I KNOW OF A LOVELY PLACE
MORE IMPORTANTLY, LET'S GET TO WHERE INARI...

DON'T BE RASH, YOUNG MAN.
..IT'S JUST AS MISTRESS AMATERASU SAYS...
ALTHOUGH WE DECIDED TO RELY ON YOU, MASTER KOJI...
WE CAN'T ACT ON OUR EMOTIONS AND BRING MISS INARI HERE.

IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE, PLEASE GO UP THE STAIRS.
B-BUT, I CAN'T...
I WANT TO BE FULLY HUMAN..
WHAT I JUST FELT...
PLEASE!
LET ME GO BACK TO THE HUMAN WORLD!
I FEEL LIKE IT WAS MISTRESS UKA TELLING ME TO STAY HUMAN...
...AND COME HOME...
THAT'S WHY...
I'M ASKING, TOO. AT LEAST LET US TALK IT OUT WITH MISTRESS AMATERASU.
BINNY!
UGH

WE CAN'T GIVE YOU SPECIAL TREATMENT.
MANY HERE STILL HAVE A LINGERING ATTACHMENT TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
SO WE PERSUADE THEM TO GO UP THE STAIRS AND MAKE THEM INTO GODS.

BWIP
NOOO...!
THUMP
BACK TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS YOU GO.
Y-YES?
BINNY.
SHING
IF YOU'RE GIVING THIS HUMAN SPECIAL TREAT-MENT...
...YOU'RE FIRED.

BINNY...
B--

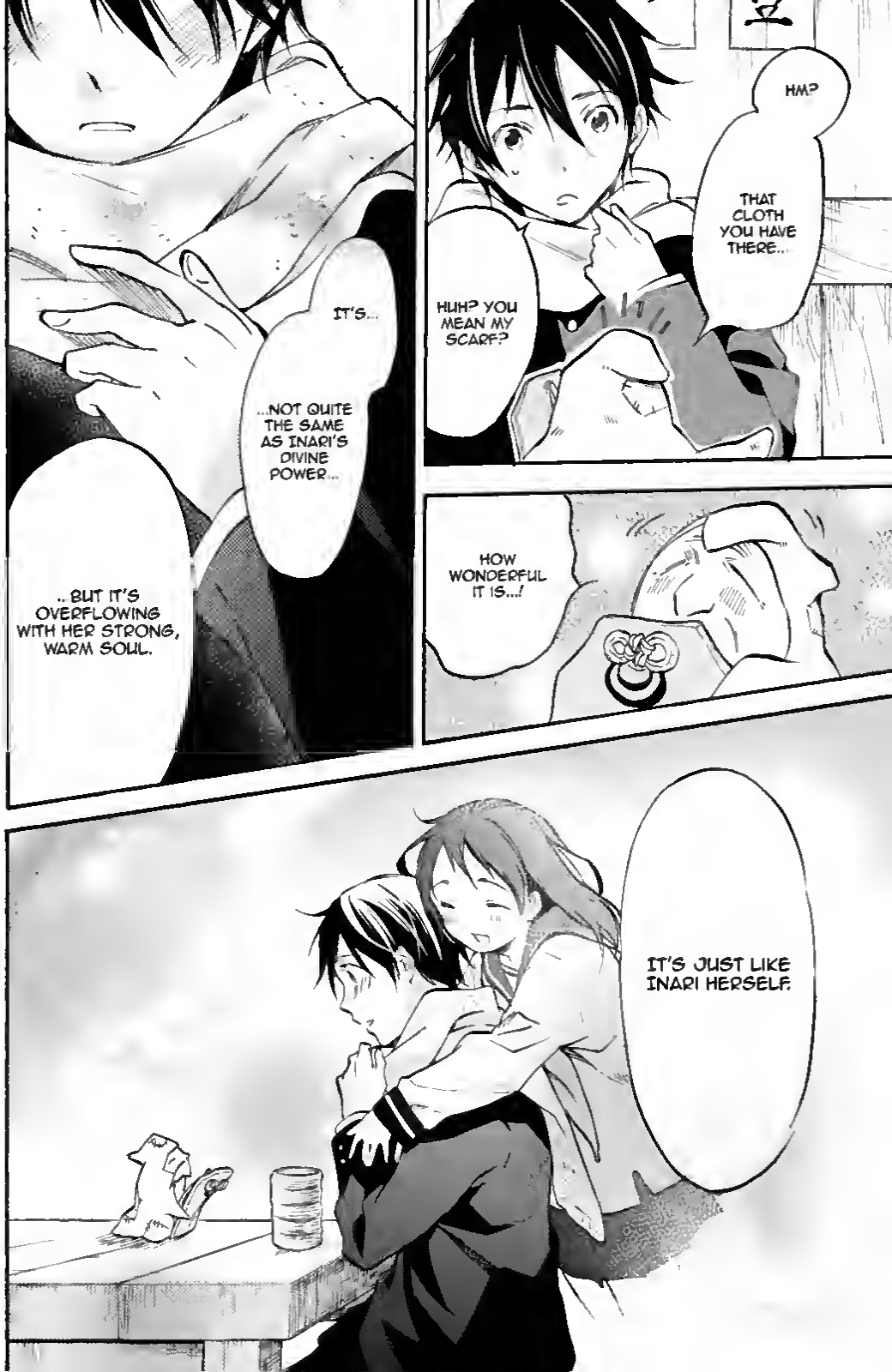
SOMEONE...
...HELP ME...

S...

KOJI...
...WELL...
...EVEN IF YOU DO GO LOOKING FOR HER..
...THE QUESTION IS, WHAT TO DO WITH MISS INARI WHEN YOU DO...
SOB
SOB

THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE
THE PROBLEM IS, HOW DO WE BRING HER BACK TO THE HUMAN WORLD?
びーーーーんの
WAHHHH!!
...?
SOB SOB
FIRED AGAIN...

WHY ARE YOU IGNORING ME? YOU'RE SO COLD!
MIYA, POUR ME A GLASS!
UM... WE'RE HAVING AN IMPORTANT CONVER-SATION...
FWUMP
HUH? WAIT...
THAT CHARM IS...
YES!
IT'S THE ONE INARI ONCE GAVE TO YOU.
AHH... I DON'T CARE IF I'M UNEM-PLOYED FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
CHARM
...SO LONG AS I CAN FEEL MISTRESS UKA'S MAGIC THROUGH THIS, I'LL NEVER REALLY BE ALONE ♡ IT'S JUST LIKE I'VE MARRIED HER ♡♡
YOU SCUM! THOSE WORDS AMOUNT TO BEING SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND THEY DESECRATE UKA!
I'LL KILL YOU!
SKWISH


HM?
THAT CLOTH YOU HAVE THERE...
HUH? YOU MEAN MY SCARF?
HOW WONDERFUL IT IS...!
IT'S...
...NOT QUITE THE SAME AS INARI'S DIVINE POWER...
..BUT IT'S OVERFLOWING WITH HER STRONG, WARM SOUL.
IT'S JUST LIKE INARI HERSELF.

BY THE WAY.
WHY ARE YOU HERE, KOJI?
HEY, YOU, TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID!
...THINK
...
IF ONLY WE COULD...AT LEAST SEE THAT MISS INARI IS ALL RIGHT...
IF YOU WANT TO CHECK ON INARI, YOU CAN SEE HER FROM THAT ROOM, REMEMBER?
HUH?

UM...
I-IS THIS OKAY? WE JUST GOT KICKED OUT...
TWITCH
TWITCH
IT'S FINE.
WHEN I CAME WITH INARI BEFORE WE SECRETLY CHECKED IN ON YOU, KOJI.
I-IS THAT SO...
PHEW...
INARI...
SHE REALLY, REALLY LIKES YOU!
WHAT?! WHAT WAS I DOING?!
WAS I ON THE TOI--?!
YOU WERE EATING A PARFAIT!

HUMANS REALLY WILL COME ALL THE WAY TO A PLACE LIKE THIS...
...FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEONE THEY HAVE FEELINGS FOR, HUH?
HO HO

GWAAAAH?!
AAAACK
BWIP

TH-TH-THAT SURPRISED ME...
SNIFF
BADUMP
BADUMP
BA-DUMP
TH---
IT WORKED JUST LIKE WITH INARI.
OH! OH! THERE SHE IS.

SNIFF
K-KOJI...
SOB
HELP ME..
I'M SCARED..

WE'LL BE PUNISHED IF MISTRESS AMATERASU FINDS OUT.
I'D WELCOME PUNISHMENT FROM UKA, BUT MISTRESS AMATERASU ..
ON LOOKOUT
MISTRESS UKA...
DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE STILL WISHES TO BE HUMAN?
I WON'T ALLOW IT!
TO KEEP UKA AS A GOD-DESS...
..I'LL APPROVE OF ANY PLAN NO MAT-TER THE REASON!
OH MYYY!
I HEARD THAAAT!
WHAT?!
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FORGET WHAT YOU JUST SAID! HEE HEE!
YOU'VE BEEN SCARING ME LATELY, MIYA!

THAT REMINDS ME, MASTER TOSHI
WHAT DIVINE POWER DID YOU GIVE TO MASTER KOJI?
INARI...
WAIT FOR ME I'LL COME SAVE YOU
!!
CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
YES! I CAN HEAR YOU...
WHERE ARE YOU ..?!
K-KOJI...?
...HUH?

I GAVE HIM WHAT HUMANS REFER TO AS THE POWER TO COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY...
IT'S A WORTHLESS POWER THAT GODS DON'T HAVE MUCH USE FOR.
HE SHOULD BE ADAPTING TO IT NOW.
HM?

BUT FOR HUMANS...
...PARTICULARLY THOSE TWO RIGHT NOW...
...IT'S A NECESSARY POWER.

K-KOJI...
YOU CAME... I'M SO HAPPY...
I...I WANT TO GO BACK TO WHERE YOU ARE...

HUH?
SHOOP?
WAIT, INARI.
I'LL COME TO YOU AS SOON AS--
SHOOP
WHOA!
SHULP
FWOOSH
IT'S JUST LIKE LAST TIME!
?!

OW...
OUCH..
KOJI...?
!!
OH GOOD, INAR--!

K...KOJI...
I WANTED TO SEE YOU...
INA---
WAAHHH!

LET'S GO BACK TOGETHER...
...INARI.

THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE.
I PROMISED KEIKO, TOO..
..THAT I'D BRING YOU BACK TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU.
SO...
...LET'S GO BACK TO EVERYTHING THAT'S SPECIAL TO US, TOGETHER.

YES...
TAKE ME HOME!
MOM, I WANNA GO HOOOME!
I HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO ME, TOO!
IF SHE CAN GO BACK, I CAN, TOO!

!!
I--
SMACK
BRING ME BACK TO LIFE, TOO!
INARI!!
K-KOJI...
WHY?
WHY DO YOU GET SPECIAL TREATMENT?!
AH!
THUMP

INARI!
SETTLE DOWN, ALL OF YOU!
HEY, YOU THERE!
WHO ARE YOU?! WHY DO YOU HAVE MASTER TOSHI'S DIVINE POWER?
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
I'M HUMAN!
I CAME TO SAVE INARI!

I'VE...

...CHEATED...

...SO MANY TIMES...

...WITH MY...

...DIVINE POWER, AND NOW...

INARI?!
IF I'M...
...NOT HUMAN.
HUFF
IF I BECOME A GODDESS...
...WILL I BE FORGIVEN FOR EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED UP UNTIL NOW?
HUFF
HUFF
AND...
...NOW...
IF I GO TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS...
...KOJI WILL...
HUFF

THAT'S RIGHT.
KOJI CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO FIND ME.
THIS TIME, FOR SURE...
...I JUST HAVE TO DO SOMETHING USING MY OWN POWER.
NO!
YOU CAN'T GO THAT WAY!
INARI!!

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Chapter 50
INARI!
WAIT!
FWISH

Chapter 50

FWIP
FWIP
...?
YOU...
YOU'RE ...

...A PLACE TO RETURN TO, WHERE MANY IMPORTANT PEOPLE...
YOU HAVE...
...ARE WAITING FOR YOU.
...
FWOOM
YOU MUSTN'T...
COME THIS WAY
...DOES NOT...
...LIE HERE.
YOUR PATH...

AH!!
FWAP
SERIOUSLY, I NEVER GET BORED DEALING WITH HUMANS...
SHE DID, SHE DID SHE WENT RUNNING UP.
DID SHE GO?

WHY DO YOU GET SPECIAL TREATMENT...?
HUFF
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HUFF
WAIT!
HEY!

...PROBABLY, BECAUSE...
I...
...THINK I KNEW THINGS WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY.
...IF I'D HAD DIVINE POWER...
...THEN...
I COULD HAVE...
USED IT TO HELP DAD
SURELY...
...ALL HUMANS WOULD DO THE SAME.
...THE GODDESS GAVE THAT POWER TO INARI...
BUT EVEN SO...
THAT KIND OF POWER IS DANGEROUS IN THE HANDS OF A HUMAN.

HUH?
I GAVE INARI THE POWER TO CHANGE SHAPE..
..BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH HER.
MY HEART LEAPED WHEN I FOUND OUT INARI COULD SEE KON.
SHE'D LOVED THE SHRINE SO MUCH SINCE SHE WAS YOUNG...
TO THINK SHE HAD THE POWER TO SEE LIKE YOU DO..
BUT... THAT WASN'T IT.
I HAD UNCON-SCIOUSLY..
..SHOWN KON TO HER.
TO FORCE MY DIVINE POWER UPON A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL.
.....

RUFFLE
?!
I THINK SHE'LL UNDER-STAND, YOU KNOW?
YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT SHE WOULDN'T BE MAD.
HUH...?
WILL...
..INARI BE ANGRY...?
REMEMBER THAT TIME YOU GOT YOUR POWER BACK FROM HER?
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
...!
...
INARI...

THESE EMOTIONS ARE MINE ALONE.
YOU ARE MY DEAR AND SPECIAL FRIEND
INARI.
I LOVE HER.
IT'S NOT...
...BECAUSE I'M A GODDESS OR BECAUSE SHE'S A HUMAN.
THOUGH I HAVE CHANGED...
...THESE FEELINGS NEVER HAVE AND NEVER WILL.
...!

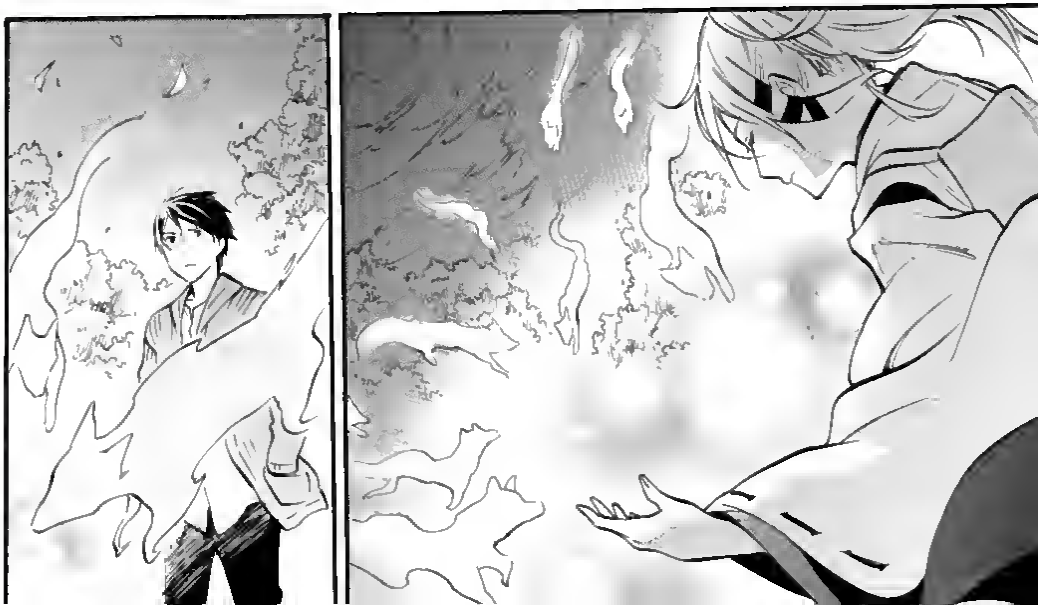
INARI!
...!
K--
THANK GOODNESS! LET'S GO.
B-BUT...
...I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE TO GO BACK TO THE HUMAN WORLD...
DON'T YOU REALIZE...
...JUST HOW SPECIAL YOU MUST BE FOR HIM TO COME HERE FOR YOU?

I WANT TO GO BACK WITH YOU!
KOJI.

...?
WE WANT TO GO BACK, TOO!
PLEASE, LET ME GO BACK TO MY CHILDREN!
WHAT ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE...? IT'S MY FAULT.
HMPH.
SO YOU MUST OPEN YOUR OWN PATH.
YOU CAN GO NEITHER UP NOR DOWN.
HUH?

EVEN WITHOUT OUR POWER, HUMANS ARE ABLE TO FREELY OPEN THEIR OWN PATHS.
FOR EXAMPLE...
..CHOOSING TO WALK THROUGH LIFE WITH A NEW PARTNER, WHOM YOU LOVE...
...IS ONE SUCH PATH.
...
IT CAN'T BE..
AND IF THAT PATH IS DIFFICULT, YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO SUPPORT YOU.
ISN'T THAT HOW YOU AND INARI HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME SO MUCH?
AH...
D--

DAD...!
YOU'VE GROWN INTO A WONDERFUL YOUNG MAN...
...KOJI.



WILL YOU...
...FORGIVE ME...
...FOR RUNNING AWAY FROM BEING A GODDESS?
WE SERVE ONLY ONE FROM THE CELESTIAL PLAINS.
NO MATTER HOW YOU CHANGE.
...TO US, MISTRESS UKA WILL ALWAYS BE MISTRESS UKA!

INARI!
COME BACK...
...TO THE HUMAN WORLD!
JANGLE

CRASH

...KOJI.
BE HAPPY...
DAD!
THANK YOU, DAD!
I...
WE...
...WERE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS A DAD.

THAT WON'T CHANGE.
I'LL ALWAYS BE PROUD YOU WERE MY FATHER.
SKWEEZ
BZZT

MURMUR
MURMUR
I HAVE FAMILY, TOO!
THAT'S NOT FAIR... WHAT ABOUT ME?
TH-THEY DISAP-PEARED. WHAT HAP-PENED?
UGH... LOOK AT THIS! BETTER PUT IN A REPAIR REQUEST TO MISTRESS AMATERASU.

WE SHALL QUIETLY WATCH OVER THEM.
THAT GIRL WAS STILL LIVING.

THAT IS AN ALL-IMPORTANT DUTY...
...THAT ONLY WE CAN DO, DON'T YOU AGREE?

MISTRESS UKA...
...!
INA...
CAN I GO BACK TO YOU NOW...?
I'M SO HAPPY...
...THAT YOU TOLD ME TO STAY HUMAN.
I COULD SENSE THAT YOU WANTED ME TO BE HAPPY, TOO.

INARI...
...AM I RIGHT?
MY HAPPINESS IS...
...TO WATCH OVER A WORLD LIKE THAT.
I CAN'T WAIT...
...TO SEE MY BELOVED INARI AND THE ONE SHE LOVES UNITED...
!
...TO SEE THEIR FUTURE INTERTWINED FOREVER...
WHAT'S YOURS?

COME HERE...
...INARI.

YOUR FRIENDS.
YOUR FAMILY.
THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR YOU.
AND THEN...
LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR LOVES AS MUCH AS WE WANT!
WHOOF

!
FWOMP

K--
KOJI...
INARI...
...OPEN YOUR EYES.

WELCOME BACK...
...INARI.

I'M HOME!
!
UKA!
HM?
MISTRESS UKA!

INARI!
MISTRESS UKA! I'M BACK!
RUB
WAHH... MISH-TRESH UGA...
INARI... WEL-COME BACK THANK GOOD-NESS...
THIS WARM BOSOM...
SNAP
THWAP
I KNOW THIS SANDAL...! YOU JERK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THAT'S MY LINE YOU FLAT-CHESTED LITTLE...!!
STOMP
STOMP

THANK GOOD-NESS YOU'RE BOTH ALL RIGHT!
THANK YOU, MIYA. IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU WENT TO KOJI FOR HELP..
ACK
MISTRESS UKA!
MISS INARI!
..AND...
..MY BROTHER, TOO.
?!
Re-turning Toshi's power
I SEE YOU IN A DIF-FERENT LIGHT.
IT SEEMS THAT YOU HELPED INARI AND HER FRIENDS...
...SO...
...THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
AWWWW
しゃわっ

BAP
EEK!
LURCH
UGAAA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
UKA AND I WILL SOON BE BOUND IN BOTH MIND AND BODY. DON'T GET IN THE WAY!
GRRRRR
LEAVING YOUR SISTER ALONE WOULD BE BEST FOR YOUR BODY. GET OVER YOUR SISTER COMPLEX ALREADY.
TOKA!

.....
AHH...
HOW WONDER-FUL!

YOU HAVE SOME NERVE TO JUST FREELY ENTER MY ROOM.
NOT JUST ONCE OR TWICE EITHER.
URK... S-SORRY..
I PLANNED ON DOING NOTHING, BUT NOW I THINK I MIGHT...
THOSE HUMANS ARE SOMETHING ELSE...
HM?
...TO HAVE CHANGED...
...MY MIND.
I, TOO...
...HAVE ONE LAST JOB TO DO.

THE AQUARIUM! THAT'S LOVELY!
EH HEH HEH.
I'VE ONLY BEEN TO THE ONE IN OSAKA WITH MY FAMILY, SO I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ONE NEAR KYOTO STATION!
DURING SPRING BREAK I'M GOING TO THE AQUARIUM WITH KOJI!
AND THEN, AND THEN...!
卒業式
GRADUATION CEREMONY

I WANNA GO TO THE ZOO AGAIN, JUST THE TWO OF US...
THAT REMINDS ME, DO REGULAR FOXES GET ALONG WITH FOX FAMILIARS?
HM? I'M NOT SURE.

AH HA HA
I HATE BULLIES!
KON, DO YOU--
MEOW
SHHHH
MISTRESS UKA...

CHARM

HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A GIFT FROM ME

...!

ACTUALLY, SINCE TOKA PAID FOR IT...
...I SHOULD SAY IT'S FROM BOTH OF US!

SO THAT EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON...
...MAY BE WONDERFUL FOR YOU.
MISS INARI...
.....

I'LL TREASURE IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
THANKS...
...FOR WAITING UNTIL I GRADUATED.
SKFF
TOKA!

TOKA...
YEAH?
I'M REAL GLAD I'M YOUR SISTER.
WHAT?!
WHO ARE YOU?! THAT'S CREEPY!
WH-- WHAT'S THAT?! HOW DARE YOU!!
SKWISH
BWEH.
STAY HAPPY.
YOU, TOO, TOKA. IF YOU MAKE MISTRESS UKA CRY...
...I'LL SHOW EVERY-ONE YOUR BLOG.
DON'T YOU DARE!
いたかった
OW OW OW

ARE YOU QUITE FINISHED?
YES.
INARI, RETURN UKA'S DIVINE POWER.
AFTER THAT...
ALTHOUGH WE WERE LUCKY EVERY-THING TURNED OUT WELL THIS TIME..
...ORIGINAL-LY GODS AND HUMANS WERE NOT MEANT TO COME IN CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER.
THE LAW OF THE CELESTIAL PLAINS IS ABSOLUTE.
...I'LL ERASE ALL MEMORY OF THE GODS FROM THE HUMANS.
EVEN IF A GOD SHOULD MANIFEST HIMSELF OR HERSELF BEFORE YOU HUMANS AGAIN .
...YOU MUST FORGET ALL ABOUT THEM. OTHERWISE HISTORY WILL ONLY REPEAT ITSELF.

RIGHT!
I AM WHO I AM BECAUSE OF THE TIME I SPENT WITH MISTRESS UKA.
...!
THE TIME WE HAD TOGETHER WILL NEVER TRULY BE GONE.
MISTRESS UKA WILL REMEMBER AND WATCH OVER ME!
KON!
MISS INARI, MISS INARI!!
SPENDING EVERY DAY WITH YOU WAS SO MUCH FUN! I LOVE YOU!
SAME FOR ME!
BOING

INARI...
...KONKON...
DIVINE POWER...

.....
...PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR PLACE INSIDE MISTRESS UKA...

HM?!
WHAAAP
YES.
OF THAT I'M SURE.
OH, REALLY?!
SO, INARI!
YOU WISH TO UNDERGO TRAINING IN THE CELESTIAL PLAINS TO BE WITH UKA. IS YOUR RESOLVE FIRM?
HM?!
YOU THERE!

IN GRATITUDE I SHALL GRANT YOU JUST ONE WISH!

THIS PAST YEAR...
...EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A MERE HUMAN YOU SURE DID PROVIDE A LOT OF FUN FOR THIS OLD FOOL!

THERE'S NO WISH THAT I, AMATERASU OMIKAMI, CANNOT GRANT!
!
NOW...
...TELL ME YOUR WISH.
...HMPH.
THAT REMINDS ME, I SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT, THANKS TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE WHO WOULDN'T GET MARRIED...
HMPH
...THE CELESTIAL PLAINS HASN'T HAD ANY NEW GODS TO HELP OUT LATELY!
TELL ME YOUR WISH.
I WANT TO BE AKEMI...
IT ALL STARTED...
...ON THAT DAY.

I MET MISTRESS UKA...
...AND MY WISH...
...CAME TRUE.
WHAT I WISH FOR NOW IS...
FOR MY DEAR FRIEND...
...AND MY BROTHER...
...TO BE TOGETHER FOREVER...
LET THEM SHARE THE TIME THEY HAVE TOGETHER...

PLEASE, I WISH THAT THESE TWO PEOPLE WHOM I LOVE SO MUCH...

...WILL BE THE HAPPIEST OF ALL THE CELESTIAL PLAINS.

THERE YOU ARE. I FIGURED YOU'D BE HERE.
AH!
CHARM
YOU REALLY LOVE SHRINES...
...DON'T... YOU...?

INARI, WHAT HAPPENED?
HUH? UH...
I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING REALLY HAPPY JUST HAPPENED..
MAYBE I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE AQUARIUM.
HUH? O-OH...!
THERE'S A FAREWELL PARTY FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS. DO YOU WANT TO GO?
LET'S GO!

KEIKO!
AKEMI! THERE YOU ARE!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
OH, NO WORRIES.
WE JUST GOT HERE OURSELVES
HEY!
OH, CHIKA! WOW, WE'RE ALL HERE AT THE SAME TIME!

SAY "CHEESE"!
CHIKA, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TELL THAT GUY...?
WHAT? NO, NO, THE TIME ISN'T RIGHT YET!
YOU SOUND LIKE THE OLD INARI
THAT SOUNDS SARCASTIC COMING FROM YOU, KOJI.
HUH?!
HE'S THIS REAL COOL SECOND-YEAR...
COMING!
EXCUSE ME, WE'D LIKE TO ORDER!
I WANT A FIRST-LOVE PARFAIT!

DID YOU HEAR?
MINAMI GOT A BOYFRIEND!

AHH...THAT WAS FUN!
NOBODY'S CHANGED A BIT, HAVE THEY?
YEAH! LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN!
WE'RE HERE.
WELCOME HOME!
KOJI, THERE'S LOTS OF CURRY TO EAT!

EH HEH HEH.
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN, MOM?
WE MADE TOO MUCH, SO INVITE SHIRO AND YOUR PARENTS!
SURE, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

WE'RE GONNA HAVE A BOY!
WHAAAAT?!

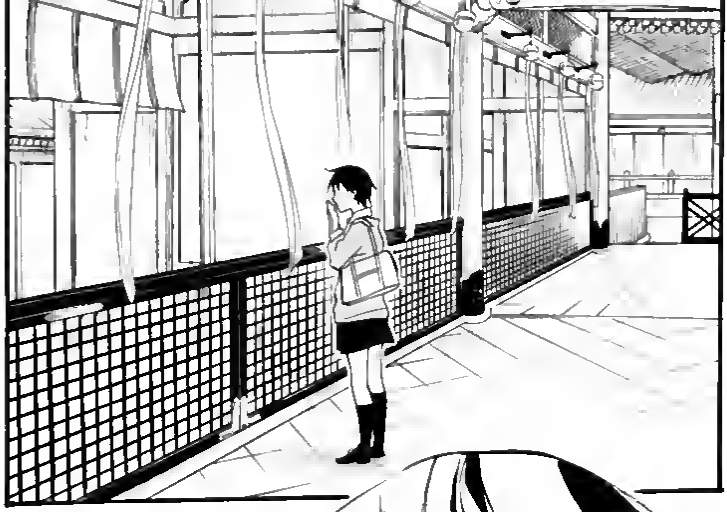
HEH HEH, SHALL WE SAY IT TOGETHER?
ALL RIGHT, ON THREE...!
ONE...
TWO...
伏見
稲荷
初午
葛葉
FUSHIMI
HATSUMA
KUZUHA
INARI

THAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?!
YAY! A LITTLE BROTHER!
JUST LIKE KOJI!

I HAD A FEELING IT WAS A BOY.
I'D ALREADY DECIDED ON A NAME.
AND! THIS'LL SHOCK YOU...
I THOUGHT OF THE EXACT SAME NAME AS KUZUHA!
WHAT? NO WAY! WHAT'S THE NAME?

...IT SAYS.
"THANK YOU FOR GRANTING MY WISH"...
THEN, SURELY IT MUST HAVE BEEN GRANTED THROUGH THE POWER OF THE PERSON WHO MADE THE WISH.
MISTRESS UKA DOESN'T REMEMBER GRANTING IT.
...THEY'RE SUCCEEDED BY THEIR CHILDREN...
THEY GROW SO MUCH OVER TIME...
...THEY CHANGE...
HUMANS ARE LOVELY.
...AND WE WATCH OVER THEM.

WHAT A JOYOUS THING!



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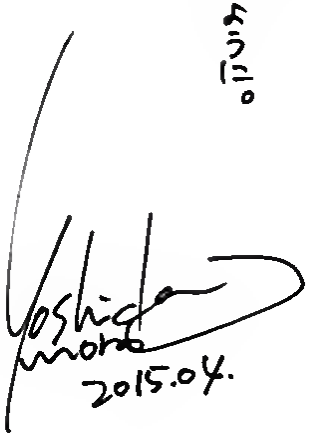
FOLLOWED THE TALE OF
INARI AND HER FRIENDS...

...I WISH THAT YOU
ARE VISITED BY MUCH
HAPPINESS.



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MEW
MEOW
MEOWWW
?
MEW
MEOWW
?
MEOOOW
...AH!

SWISH
KITTY!
I GOTTA HELP THE KI--
GOTCHA
MEW

MEOW
KITTY!
AH, AHH!
MROW!
SKRITCH, SKRITCH
SKRITCH.
TUP TUP
WAIT UP, KITTY!
FWIP
AH.
THANK---

...
HUH?
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HUH?
...?!

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